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FESTIVAL WEEK BUILDS UP TO FUN DAY



ABOVE:
Festival Week in Pyle and Kenfig Hill actually lasted more than seven days, but it all built up to an action-packed fun day last Saturday (June 27). Pictured above at the opening of the fun day are the Festival Queen, jazz band members and local Brownies and Guides.
(For a report and more photographs, see page 23).

New school is formed as infants and juniors merge

IT has been confirmed this week that the Mynydd Cynffig Infant and Junior schools are to merge – to create an all-through primary school that will be operational from the start of the new school year in September.

Cabinet members on Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) have approved the plans, which will see the new combined school cater for children aged from three to 11.

The confirmation comes after parents, pupils, staff and governors were asked to give their views, and no objections were received following the publication of a 28-day statutory public notice, a BCBC spokesperson stated.

The spokesman went on: "The infant and junior provisions will both continue to operate on their current sites until all

of the pupils can be accommodated together on one site in the Kenfig Hill area. Funding for the new provision will be met from the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools programme and the council's capital programme."

The infant school's headteacher, Amanda Stanford is retiring in July, and the junior school's headteacher, Neil Davies, will lead the new school.

Coun Huw David, BCBC's Deputy Leader commented: "I'm pleased that we've reached the stage where we can confirm these new arrangements for young pupils in Kenfig Hill."

"Both schools have always worked very closely together to make the transition from infants to juniors as easy as possible, but creating an all-through primary school – albeit on separate sites initially – will bring even greater continuity."

The Porthcawl students know their rights... THEY'RE THE UK CHAMPS!

A TEAM of students from Porthcawl Comprehensive School have won a U K - wide competition and now hold the title of 'National Young Consumers of the Year'.

by **PHILIP IRWIN**

are fully expecting to be beaten!

"There is also talk of a link-up with an American team some time later in the year".

Their teacher, Sarah-Jane James, said: "I was privileged to observe such a fantastic group of pupils

compete in the three rounds of the competition.

"The national competition was very close and the challenges set on day one were fantastic. Our pupils reacted well to the practical element and they enjoyed the experience very much."

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Porthcawl Y Centre ceremony remembers a YMCA stalwart

Included in the picture are: Peter Posner (on left) with the Pritchard family, Porthcawl Mayor Coun David Newton-Williams, and John Berry.



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THE world president of the YMCA, Mr Peter Posner OBE, has visited Porthcawl, where he met a large number of people and was received by the Mayor and Mayoress of BCBC, Coun and Mrs Richard Young.

In the Y Centre, he visited the after-school club and was warmly received by the children, parents and staff.

A short ceremony was held in the committee room. In the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Porthcawl, Coun David and Mrs Gaynor Newton Williams, he then unveiled a commemorative plaque to past president and longstanding volunteer with the YMCA, Alan Pritchard.

Present were Alan's widow Maureen and her two sons, Robert and Andrew, who spoke of their father's commitment and pride in the YMCA, thanking the

board for the honour to his father and family.

The rector of Porthcawl, Canon Philip Masson, concluded the ceremony with a prayer.

The final event of the day was the annual general meeting, attended by some 70 people including the Mayor and Mayoress, the president of Churches Together in Porthcawl and the president of the Chamber of Trade, all of whom spoke with gratitude for the work and presence of the YMCA.

John Berry and Adam Phillips were re-appointed as president and treasurer respectively, and Andrew Collier, Peter Fenton, John Hornsby, Adam Phillips, Jade Rees and Sian Warlow were elected to the board of management. The Mayor presented a millennium volunteer certificate to Joe Bridge.

Following a short presentation from Cheyne of Y Care International, the gathering stood for a

minute holding hands in solidarity with the people of Liberia, who were unable to hold hands with their loved ones as they died of ebola.

World president Peter Posner gave a very interesting and inspiring address, reminding everyone of the roots and basis of the YMCA movement and how every YMCA is different in serving the needs of its individual community.

He thanked Porthcawl YMCA for the invitation to visit and speak – also for its work in the community.

He presented certificates of acknowledgement and thanks to volunteers Connor Black, Charmaine Clay, Amy Davies, Rachel Parkinson, Sarah Parkinson, Jade Rees, Keiran Roberts, David Walters, Carwyn Watkins, Sian Warlow and Megan Williams.

JOHN BERRY
(president,
Porthcawl YMCA)

A bouquet for the Mayoress.



Millennium volunteer Joe Bridge with the mayor.



Volunteer Sian Warlow.



Volunteer Jade Rees.



Volunteer Owen Prior.



Volunteer Katie Prior.

POLICE APPEAL AFTER MAESTEG PARK INCIDENT

POLICE in Maesteg are appealing for witnesses, after two teenage girls were approached by a man in Maesteg Park

A police spokeswoman said yesterday: "The two girls, both aged 15, were walking through Maesteg Park at around 2.30pm on Tuesday (June 30), when they were approached by a man, who engaged in conversation with them."

"He walked alongside the two girls towards the town centre and then made inappropriate comments of a sexual nature, before the girls ran off. Neither of the girls was touched during the incident".

The man is described as white, between 30 and 40 years of age, between 5'8" and 5'10" tall with a skinny build, gaunt face, and shaven head.

He was wearing a grey t-shirt, dark green shorts, black hat and sunglasses with tattoos on both forearms. He was riding a black bike.

Local Police Inspector Justin Evans said: "Neither of the girls was threatened, or physically harmed in any way. However,

we are treating the incident as suspicious, and a full investigation is under way.

"We would appeal to anyone with information on this incident to come forward. We would also ask residents to be extra vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to us immediately."

"Anyone who may have seen the man in Maesteg Park is urged to contact us". "Our advice to parents is to remain calm and vigilant. Continue to take normal, sensible precautions to keep your children safe and if you do see anything suspicious report it to us immediately by ringing 101."

"We take suspicious incidents of this nature seriously and we are keen to trace the man involved."

"Please help us by not spreading rumours or panic about this on Facebook or Twitter, if you have any concerns please ring us".

Anyone who can help officers identify the man is urged to call us on 101 quoting reference number 1500234562. If you prefer not to give your name, Crimestoppers can be contacted anonymously on 0800 555 111.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 9)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
02 Thur	07.17	9.6	19.39	9.8
03 Fri	07.59	9.7	20.26	10.0
04 Sat	08.48	9.8	21.08	10.1
05 Sun	09.34	9.8	21.54	10.0
06 Mon	10.18	9.6	22.41	9.7
07 Tues	11.03	9.4	23.29	9.4
08 Wed	11.54	9.1		
09 Thur	00.22	9.0	12.51	8.7

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WI members help friends at Stroke Club



President of Sker WI, Nora Williams, Keith Duggan (chairman of Porthcawl Stroke Club) and Ray Cross, secretary, enjoy a game of kurling.

ON Monday evening, June 15, a charity event was held at St David's Church Hall Nottage, by Sker WI as friends of Porthcawl Stroke Club, and £300 was raised.

It was a very enjoyable evening. The WI ladies made delicious cakes and there were loads of donations for the raffle prizes. The cheese and wine with nibbles got everyone in the mood for a game of kurling, which was great fun.

Mrs Rose Power from the Porthcawl Stroke Club made a table top full of knitted items, which were extremely well made.

My twin grandchildren were given two little mice made by Rose with little knitted hats on their heads – they were so cute, and my other grandson was given a hippopotamus made by Rose, which he was extremely delighted with. The hippopotamus, has now

joined his other animal friends at the end of his bed!

Also friends of the Porthcawl Stroke Club are two really lovely ladies who are members of Trinity Church; Freda Rogers and Haulwen.

Both had table top stalls, Freda made cards which were of a very high standard, and Haulwen made embroidered cushions, face flannels, towels etc., all specially designed to suit individual needs.

Both ladies are very gifted in the arts and crafts field, so if you need any special items made, just call Freda on (01656) 784982 or Haulwen on (01656) 786784.

Anyone wishing to join the Porthcawl Stroke Club, should telephone chairman Keith Duggan on 01656 773375, or Ray Cross, secretary, on 01656 782190.

Barbara Matthews
(Porthcawl Stroke Club)

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Man jailed for fraud over 88-year-old's will

A WILL writer from Porthcawl has been imprisoned for six months, after pleading guilty to three offences under the Fraud Act and one offence under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

In a case brought by Bridgend County Borough Council's Trading Standards department, Bridgend Magistrates Court heard on Monday, June 1, how Stephen Sharp, of Gordon Road, Porthcawl acted as the executor of a will he had prepared for one of his clients, following her death at the age of 88 years.

Despite clear instructions on the distribution of the estate, Mr Sharp did not act in accordance with the wishes of the deceased, and failed to pass on monies to many of the beneficiaries.

The court heard that not only did Mr Sharp fail to pass on monies, as set out in the will, but he also failed to pay off outstanding accounts with the Department of Work and Pensions as part of the estate management process.

Mr Sharp was unable to account for the whereabouts of the missing money, and it was established that substantial amounts were paid into his own personal account, as well as the accounts of two of the companies he was involved in.

It was alleged that he had benefited to the total of £17,000 for personal gain and to the detriment of the rightful beneficiaries. Several years after his client's death, most of the beneficiaries

have still not received their entitlement.

In addition to the six-month sentence, the court ordered that Mr Sharp would need to make a payment of £17,000 to reimburse the estate, representing the monies wrongfully taken.

Welcoming the conclusion of the case, Coun Charles Smith, chair of the Joint Committee for Shared Regulatory Services, said: "This has been a complex case to investigate and I am grateful for the work of Trading Standards officers in bringing the matter to a conclusion. The outcome sends a stark warning to those perpetrating fraud against our residents, and I hope it will bring some peace of mind to the family concerned."

The council recommends that any local residents who are about to make their will, or are planning to do so, should ensure that any will writing services they engage are members of one of the professional associations and comply with a Consumer Code of Practice approved by the Chartered Trading Standards Institute. Alternatively, many High Street solicitors provide a will drafting service for clients.

A regional regulatory service covering Bridgend county borough, Cardiff and the Vale, now runs services including Trading Standards, environmental health and licensing, and can be contacted either by calling 01656 643643, or by emailing talktous@bridgend.gov.uk.

Off-duty lifeboatman swims to the rescue of a surfer off Rest Bay

AN off-duty lifeboatman was the hero of a dramatic rescue when a surfer got into difficulty in the sea off Rest Bay, Porthcawl at 7pm on Sunday.

Both Porthcawl RNLI lifeboats *Rose of the Shires* and *Jean Ryall* were launched to reports of people in difficulty.

A spokesperson said that two volunteer crews

from Porthcawl RNLI Lifeboat station made their way through rough seas to the reported position of the surfers.

As they approached Rest Bay, a swimmer and a surfer could be seen in the water. When the lifeboat came alongside them, it turned out that the swimmer who had swum out to rescue the surfer was Chris Page, one of the lifeboat crew who had just finished his shift as a lifeboatman at Rest Bay.

Chris said: "I had just left the lifeboat station and was on my way home when I saw a body boarder in difficulty and drifting out to sea. I told my friend who was with me to ring the coastguard and ask for the lifeboat, while I ran down onto the beach.

"When I had swum out to the body boarder I reassured him that the lifeboats were on their way, and stayed with him."

Volunteer RNLI Lifeboat Helmsman Carl Evans commented: "It was lucky that Chris had spotted the body boarder and had the initiative to ensure the lifeboats were launched before he entered the water.

"Chris swam about 400 metres to reach the surfer in heavy surf and strong currents. Visibility was poor off Rest Bay, as the waves were about 1-2 metres high, and at times, they could not be seen by the lifeboats.

"Chris staying with the surfer and reassuring him was essential, as if the surfer had left his board and tried to swim ashore, he may not have been seen in the waves," Carl said.

Chris and the surfer were put safely ashore by the smaller D Class Lifeboat, and other surfers close to the point were advised to make their way further across the beach.

MENTOR PROJECT AIMS TO HELP OVER-50s INTO WORK

PRIME Cymru (Prince's Initiative for Mature Enterprise in Wales), the specialist Welsh charity that helps people aged 50 or over get into work, is urging people to MENTOR NOW in the Vale of Glamorgan by volunteering a little time as a mentor to help improve Welsh lives.

There are currently nearly 7,000 jobless people in the Vale aged between 50 and state pension age.

The launch of MENTOR NOW will take place at Cardiff City Hall on Wednesday, July 8 between 10am and 1pm. There are free places available both for those that are keen to volunteer as mentors and those looking for a mentor.

PRIME Cymru runs the largest and

most successful mentoring programme in Wales, matching over 360 volunteer mentors to mature individuals who want to work – through volunteering, finding a job or starting up a business. Mentors are recruited as volunteers from all types of career backgrounds.

Martin Lewis lives in the Vale and is a senior manager with Lloyds Banking Group. He is vastly experienced and last year won the prestigious 'Mentoring Enterprise Champion of the Year'. He has been a PRIME Cymru volunteer mentor for several years.

Martin said: "I'm lucky to have worked all my life. My interests and general hobbies are also quite diverse, so I have a lot of experience and hopefully wisdom to pass on. I'm inspired to volunteer as a mentor for PRIME



Martin Lewis, of Mentor, with Heather Lewis, Prince Charles, and Janet Ballard.

Cymru, because I feel life and work skills should be shared, and not left behind."

He continued: "The mentor/client relationship is a two-way process that, when well developed through trust and mutual understanding, can benefit both. The confidence, respect and well-being people create for themselves when moving forward

cannot be measured, whether it's moving towards volunteering, finding a job, or maybe turning a hobby into a viable business proposition.

"I achieve a great deal of personal satisfaction in supporting and promoting the building of self-esteem and confidence in mature people who are seeking new purpose and direction

in their lives, and the PRIME Cymru mentoring scheme is an ideal way to do this. I urge people who think they could help in the same way, to MENTOR NOW."

Click on www.primecymru/mentoring to download a mentor application pack, or call us now on 0800 587 4085, or email emai@mentoring@primecymru.co.uk.

Council list their top ten recycling tips

BRIDGEND County Borough Council is marking National Recycle Week by encouraging local residents to take another look at how much waste can be recycled from every room at home.

In most homes, the majority of recyclable materials are generated in the kitchen, whether it be food waste, cardboard and plastic food packaging, or glass bottles and sauce jars.

But a lot of rubbish accumulated from every other room is suitable for the weekly kerbside recycling collections too.

For example, shampoo and shower gel containers, empty perfume bottles, deodorant cans and toilet roll tubes are all items found in the bathroom which are ideal for recycling, while magazines and catalogues, junk mail and even old clothes are all recyclable items you'll find elsewhere.

Here are the council's top ten Recycle Week tips...

1. All food leftovers and unavoidable food waste should be placed in your kitchen caddy.
2. Cardboard items can all be placed for recycling in one of your black boxes.
3. If you are recycling a large amount of cardboard, please fold

or break it up so that it fits in your black box.

4. Don't forget to check your bathroom for empty glass medicine bottles, perfume and cosmetic bottles.

5. There are plenty of plastics to recycle in the bathroom, such as old shampoo and shower gel bottles, toothpaste tubes and bottle tops.

6. Washing and squashing your cans and plastic bottles will help to keep your blue bag clean and will also make room to recycle more!

7. You can recycle old clothes and shoes by placing them out in a carrier bag on your collection day.

8. As well as newspaper, your black box for paper is also the place for envelopes, receipts, gift tags, leaflets, comics and magazines.

9. Batteries can be recycled by placing them in an old plastic bag and popping the bag on top of your black box which contains paper.

10. BCBC's recycling partners, Kier, don't currently collect crisp packets, polystyrene packaging, bread wrapping, plastic bags or black plastic trays for recycling. These materials should be put in your black bag for landfill.

Plans for a woodland on former colliery site

PLANS to develop a brand new community woodland on the former Coeant Colliery and Maesteg Washery sites, are under way.

Over the past nine months, Natural Resources Wales has been working closely with individuals, community groups, organisations and schools throughout the Upper Llynfi Valley to develop plans to transform the former industrial site into a fantastic resource to be enjoyed by all.

The first phase of the project, financed through the Welsh Government Nature Fund, will incorporate native broadleaf planting and paths.

Later phases will include a range of bespoke health trails, sculptures, ponds and a green gym, offering a place for people to relax, exercise and socialise in a tranquil woodland setting.

Project officer Geminie Drinkwater

is inviting the public to join Natural Resources Wales project team for a walk over the site where they will explain the plans for the site that have been developed with the community to date.

The walks will be held on the following dates, commencing outside the Dyffryn Hotel, Coeant Road, Maesteg, CF34 0TD: Thursday, July 9, 6pm to 7.30pm; Saturday, July 11, 10.30am to 12.30pm and Friday, July 17, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

The walk will take approximately two hours to complete and will involve walking over rough terrain in places. Therefore, it is advisable that suitable footwear and clothing should be worn.

The project team are also inviting the public to come up with a name for the site.

All suggestions should be submitted by August 10, to: lyllyni.woodlandnaming@cyfoethnaturi.org.uk.

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'Porthcawl's Own Battalion' leaves town

CERI JOSEPH OF PORTHCAWL MUSEUM CONTINUES HER ACCOUNT OF PORTHCAWL DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR. THIS WEEK IT'S JULY 1915.



Porthcawl fire brigade.

AS the first year of the war drew to a close, in response to a munitions crisis, David Lloyd George, minister for munitions called for skilled, unskilled and female workers to help in the war effort by working in the newly-run government coordinated munitions industry.

"Without women, victory will tarry," he announced in July 1915.

By 1916, Wales had one of the largest factories employing women, at Pembrey. Yet it was at the Swansea factory in 1917, where two women were killed, that the dangers of working with cordite became confirmed.

Also, in response to Lloyd George's

declaration in April that excessive drinking was causing "more damage to Britain in this war than all the German submarines put together," the Central Control Board (Liquor Traffic) began 'getting to grips with the evil.' (Porthcawl News July 8, 1915.)

In July, Cardiff, Newport and Barry were included in the first towns in Britain to be affected by the new licensing hours; many of which remained in place until 1988.

Finally, the onset of the National Registration Act galvanized the nation.

'With the exclusion of members of his Majesty's naval and military forces,' (Porthcawl News July 22, 1915) all citizens between the ages of 15-65 years were instructed to individually fill in their respective forms.

Blue forms were for men and white for women.

'The forms will be at every dwelling house within the six days immediately preceding Sunday, August 15, and collected on the days immediately following.' (Porthcawl News July 8, 1915.)

The information supplied under the Act provided manpower statistics and also enabled the military authorities to discriminate between persons who should be called up for military service and those who should, in the national interest, be retained in civil employment.

It was stated that voluntary enlistment would cease in December 1915, which as a consequence, encouraged many men to join up. It seemed to some to be a nobler act than to be conscripted.

Conscription was to begin in January 1916. Out of the five million men found eligible for active service, in August 1915, 1.6 million qualified for reserved occupational status.

A military presence had existed in Porthcawl since August 1914, but it was with 'genuine regret' that the departure of the 18th (Service) Battalion, Welsh Regiment to Prees Heath was most keenly felt. Councillor TG Jones remarked on learning of their imminent withdrawal: "During the last six or seven months we have intertwined our lives with those of the gallant body of little men now amongst us." (Porthcawl News July 8, 1915.)

At 7am on Monday, July 12, 1915, residents congregated on the Esplanade to line the route to the train station. Headed by the mascot 'Billie' the goat, the regimental band led the march.

People ran alongside distributing cigarettes, supplied by Mr TE Deere JP; hankies were waved from the railway bridge as 'Porthcawl's Own Battalion,' 'was making one step closer to Berlin.' (Porthcawl News July 22, 1915.)

One resident lamented, as the trains left the station, that Sundays would never be the



Fred Nicholls.

same. "We shall greatly miss the church parade on Sunday next and the band in the afternoon."

The battalion was to serve with distinction at Ypres, the Somme and, particularly, at Bourlon Wood in November 1917.

Meanwhile, the encamped 3rd (Service) Battalion, Welsh Regiment which had arrived in February remained at Porthcawl. Soldiers not only enlisted into this battalion and received preliminary training, but the camps further served as a place of convalescence.

Wounded men arriving must have had their shattered spirits lifted as they approached the whitewashed pebbles which surrounded flowerbeds, containing a Red Dragon design, at the entrance to the Danygraig camp. The band of the 3rd Battalion arriving at the Newton Camp in late July also uplifted the hearts of Porthcawlians as, for a short while at least, Sundays would once more be enhanced with a band concert preceded by a military march.

Included in the new commissions granted to the 3rd Welsh that month was newly promoted 2nd Lieutenant Reginald Mortimer Nicholls. Reginald, one of seven children was born in Aberkenfig in March 1886. His parents, Frederick and Sarah owned and ran a bakery and confectioner's on Wyndham Street, Bridgend, before moving to Porthcawl to manage the Pier Hotel.

Reginald had attended Wallingscote Road College in Weston-Super-Mare



Battalions leaving Porthcawl.



The station footbridge, where local people cheered the soldiers off to war.

where he would have been trained in the Officer's Training Corps, as part of the school syllabus.

Many young men would gain commissions as a result of their public school background.

It has been estimated that the average life expectancy of a 2nd Lieutenant serving at the front was six weeks. 2nd Lt Nicholls lasted a little longer. Landing in France in November 1915, it was while he was moving down the trench, having been granted leave, that he was hit by a shell and died on July 18, 1916 in No 38 Casualty Clearing Station, Heilly, Somme, France. He was 31 years old.

Later that year in October 1916, his parents received news that his brother Corporal Frederick Nicholls, also 3rd Battalion Welsh Regiment, had been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry on patrol. Corporal Nichol, 19 years old was the first Porthcawlian to receive such an honour during the war.

On July 8, the Porthcawl News printed a letter written from the Dardenelles by Sergeant Oliver Howe RASC.

Writing from a tent on one of the beaches in Cape Helles as shells were raining down, he refers to the huge loss of life suffered as regiments had made their landing on the beach three days before.

Moreover, from his position he describes seeing the keel of a recently torpedoed ship, probably HMS Majestic which had been sunk on May 27, 1915. Oliver also states: "I saw the 'Queen Lizzie,' as the boys call her, giving the Turks some of John Bull's latest medicine. She is a topper."

The battleship HMS Queen Elizabeth, one of five super dreadnoughts that had entered service in January 1915 was the only one to serve in the Dardenelles. Later in the year, Oliver was to be invalided home with a fever and would, in later life, become a stalwart of Porthcawl's Fire Brigade. (In the fire brigade photo, Oliver Howe is fourth from the left, back row.)

Private de Santer of the Belgian Army paid a surprise visit to his brother and his family, who were refugees living at 12, Wells

Street. He had obtained a few days furlough and had left the trenches on July 1. It is remarkable that he arrived so soon, if at all in Porthcawl, as his passport had stated that he was allowed to proceed to the town of 'Wells Street'.

Finally, the committee of the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club expelled an 'alien' from their membership, auctioned his clubs for the Prince of Wales Fund; and then warned anyone playing with German clubs that they would incur a heavy fine.

Join the Citizens' Panel URGES COUNCIL

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) is inviting residents to share their views to help improve council services by signing up for its Citizens' Panel: panel members are asked to complete three to four short surveys per year on a range of subjects.

The latest survey asks residents about the standard of customer service they receive from the council, how informative they find the local authority's website, and how well they feel the council supports local businesses.

Participants are also sent bi-annual newsletters which detail the key survey

results and explain how the council has used their feedback. To be eligible to sign up, you must live in Bridgend county borough and be aged over 16.

Coun Mike Gregory, cabinet member for resources, said: "The council is committed to listening and responding to the views of residents. Becoming a member of the Citizens' Panel is a great way of making your voice heard on local issues and council services."

"There are currently more than 1,700 members and we are keen to add to that number."

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Seaside community hopes the plans for village hall succeed



Vale AM Jane Hutt with members of the Ogmore-by-Sea Village Hall Association (OBSVHA)

WELSH minister Jane Hutt has offered to help a local village to finally build its dream hall.

The residents of Ogmore-by-Sea have been battling for almost half a century to build a focal point for the community and are hoping the Labour AM's support, at the unveiling of the plans for the new village hall, will help give its residents the facility it needs.

The Finance Minister said: "This hall is what the people of Ogmore-by-Sea need and deserve – a proper community centre."

"This is an exciting, imaginative facility with the best environmental standards and I will do everything I can to make sure this project happens."

For 45 years the Ogmore-by-Sea Village Hall Association has been trying to build a meeting place.

Now, thanks to



An artist's impression of the proposed building.

possible new funding streams, group chairman Eugene Travers-Jones hopes they can finally deliver.

He said: "We have been waiting a long time to get to where we are and, now more than ever, we desperately need a focal point for the village."

"With hundreds of new houses planned, Ogmore-by-Sea is getting ever bigger but it still has a real lack of facilities."

"We unveiled the plans for the new hall last week and have been

staggered and buoyed by the response from residents and officials.

"We want a beautiful space that will cater for the whole community. It has to be a place for all ages, where everyone will be welcomed."

The new building is the brain-child of Swansea-based Air Architecture. Head architect Robin Campbell said: "The new low energy building is in the heart of the village and focuses on the wonderful views across the Bristol Channel."

"It is hoped to use the site not just for a hall but also a children's play area and wildflower meadow."

"We want to make the space as multi-purpose as possible and the building materials will reflect the geology of the heritage coast."

The new hall is likely to cost upwards of £500,000 and will be run by the village for the village.

Developers are building new homes in the village and the group hopes that section 106 money from this could be made available (talks are still ongoing).

The shortfall will be raised via Welsh Assembly and European community grants and lottery funding.

One resident added:

"It is really unfair a village this size has had virtually no facilities for such a long time."

"I love the new design of the hall and can't wait to see it and use it. "The kids around here are really excited and can't wait for a new play area."

Eugene Travers-Jones added: "We still have a long way to go but with the support of people like Jane Hutt, the Vale Council and the enthusiasm of the residents, I really believe we can finally get the hall we need."

Long-standing trustee Penny Haskayne said: "I have been campaigning for a hall for more than 15 years but the village has been trying for 45 years."

"I really do believe we may finally get the hall we deserve."

To find out more about the campaign, visit www.worldanimalprotection.org/seachange

Mr Irranca-Davies,

Residents of Cwrt Anghorfa welcome 'blossoming' garden



PICTURED (left to right): Cwrt Anghorfa residents Joy Essex, Philip David, Gwyn Thomas, Val Davies, Maurice Wood, WWH chief executive Anne Hinchey and residents Penny Alford, Des Hughes and Eddie Williams.

RESIDENTS at Cwrt Anghorfa in Pyle, Bridgend, have celebrated the opening of their community garden.

The event saw residents at the Wales & West Housing retirement scheme coming together to mark the occasion with a party in the sunshine on Tuesday, June 16.

The garden was officially opened by Anne Hinchey, chief executive of Wales & West Housing, during a special ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Over the past two years, the garden has undergone a radical

transformation thanks to the dedication and efforts of Cwrt Anghorfa Gardening Club.

Founding member and green-fingered resident Val Davies, 71, has been the main inspiration in developing the gardens for all to enjoy.

After moving to Cwrt Anghorfa in July 2013, Val shared her visions for the garden with fellow residents and was soon joined by Maurice Wood, Phillip David, Joy Essex, Des Hughes, Eddie Williams and Penny Alford to form the gardening club.

The group approached Wales & West Housing for financial

assistance from the organisation's Making a Difference grants, which paid for a level access pathway, gazebo, two large raised beds, garden lights, tools and a new fence to provide security.

Builder's merchant Jewson provided up to £3,000 for materials, and the group recently bought a shed thanks to a donation from the community council.

From a bare grass area just two years ago, the garden is now blossoming with flowers, potted plants and a huge variety of fruit and vegetables. Other features include a rockery and wheelchair-friendly patio area.

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MP'S CONCERN OVER 'GHOST FISHING GEAR'

AS part of World Animal Protection's Sea Change Week, the international charity was at Westminster encouraging MPs to take action for marine animals.

Ogmore MP Huw Irranca-Davies has backed World Animal Protection's campaign to end the devastating impact of ghost fishing gear on marine mammals and wildlife. Ghost fishing gear refers to any fishing equipment or fishing related litter that has been abandoned, lost, or otherwise discarded, also referred to as 'fishing litter'.

Most fishing gear is made of plastic which remains in the oceans for centuries. World Animal Protection estimates that more than 136,000 seals, sea lions and large whales are killed by



Huw Irranca-Davies MP at the Sea Change photo call in Westminster.

ghost fishing gear every year.

During the week, the organisation also travelled to Wales to highlight the important work being undertaken by Welsh fishermen exploring new methods for reducing the ghost fishing potential of lost pots and traps.

Mr Irranca-Davies,

recently elected chair of the Environmental Audit Committee, has a keen interest in marine biology, and has joined World Animal Protection on several beach clean-ups.

To find out more about the campaign, visit www.worldanimalprotection.org/seachange

PORTHCAWL LADIES DRESS UP IN ASCOT FINERY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE RNIB



THE recent Ascot horse racing festival was celebrated in traditional fashion at many venues around the county borough, as parties were held on Ladies' Day.

For several years now, the Grove Golf Club has welcomed ladies from Porthcawl, and this year was no exception, with the event raising more than £800 for the Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB).

This year's lady captain at the Grove, Vicky Ford, told The GEM that both club captains (men's and ladies') had chosen to fundraise for the RNIB during their year in office.

She said: "It was a really good day. The ladies dressed up and enjoyed an excellent lunch, and then went through the race card placing bets."

"We were very grateful that some of the men in the club acted as bookmakers. It was a fun occasion with maximum bets of £2."

"To finish off the day, we had entertainment from a Michael Buble tribute act."

She said that £800 had been raised for the RNIB, with an extra donation of £100 made to the Porthcawl Stroke Club, who had taken a table for the event.



Local projects benefit from new funding boost to local councils

A NEW multi-use games area for school and community use in the grounds of Llangewydd Junior School, is one of the projects sharing a £84,992 funding package awarded to local town and community councils during the next year.

PIRATES AT PORTHCAWL

PIRATES will be the theme of a summer festival of fun in Porthcawl later this month, organised by Porthcawl Chamber of Trade and Commerce in conjunction with the town council and the Town Centre Partnership.

The festival will dominate John Street and the Esplanade on Saturday, July 25. Traders will be manning stalls in the street selling their goods, while a guitarist will perform and there will be storytelling, a best-dressed pirate competition and a best pirate drawing competition.

A harpist is expected to play on the seafront and various celebrities, including councillors, will be put in the stocks. There will be a treasure hunt and face painting among the attractions. The festival will be opened at 11am by Porthcawl mayor, Coun David Newton-Williams. For further information contact Chris Smart on 01656 782915.

BCBC cabinet members have agreed a list of schemes that will receive funding, with each of the town and community councils involved having to meet at least 50 per cent of the project costs.

Laleston Community Council has been awarded £20,000 towards the cost of the development at Llangewydd Junior School, while Brackla Community Council has been allocated £13,367 for a project which will see Brackla football pitch being fenced off and new exercise stations installed alongside the black path.

Bridgend Town Council will receive £3,000 so that a new metal archway, complete with signage and a notice board, can be created at the entrance to the Carnegie House arts hub on Wyndham Street.

A total of £9,625 has been awarded to Coity Higher Community Council so that a pedestrian refuge can be built in the centre of the road at Litchard Hill, and Maesteg Town Council will receive £5,000 to install vehicle activated signs that will improve road safety at each highway entrance to the Llynfi Valley.

Marlas Road in Pyle will benefit from landscaping improvements including new trees after Pyle Community Council was awarded £14,000, while £20,000 will go towards the cost of St Brides Minor Community Council extending the car park at the Bryncthyn Memorial Hall.

Praise for Bryn Castell pupils from Bridgend MP

BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon was recently invited to attend the 'Record of Achievement' ceremony 2015 at Ysgol Bryn Castell.

Ysgol Bryn Castell has in the last three weeks relocated from Llangewydd Road to the Bryncthyn Campus in Brynmynyn. Despite all the upheaval, they were ready for the ceremony to take place in their new surroundings.

Mrs Moon said: "Along with guest speaker Non Evans MBE, the Mayor of Bridgend, County Borough, Coun Richard Young and wife Annette, staff and parents, we celebrated the achievements of the pupils."

"Awards were given to several. Sportsman of the Year went to Ryan Cocks, Learner of the

Year went to Jake Chandler and Most Improved Pupil of the Year went jointly to Jonathan Powell and Lloyd Flahive.

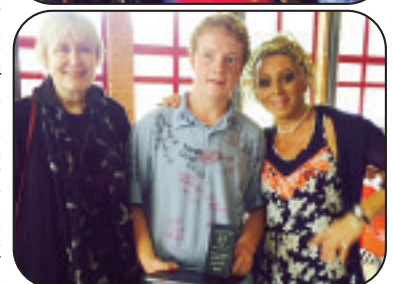
"It was especially inspiring to hear how many of the pupils had overcome difficulties they faced in life to face the future with determination to make a success of the career paths they had chosen, from hairdressing to business management to IT."

"As a community, I feel we can be very proud of these pupils and all of those who have helped them to achieve."

"Moving tributes were paid to the students from their teachers who congratulated them and wished the leavers well in their years ahead. All pupils were presented with a portfolio of their achievements at Ysgol Bryn Castell, and everyone enjoyed a buffet lunch together."



Jake Chandler with Mrs Moon.



Sportsman of the year, Ryan Cocks, with Madeleine Moon and Non Evans.

BRIDGEND'S MP OFFERS SUPPORT TO THE RSPCA



RECENTLY, Madeleine Moon, MP for Bridgend, attended the RSPCA's annual reception in the House of Commons.

The theme of the event was 'Together We Can', with animal welfare groups pledging to work closely together to achieve key RSPCA policy in this parliament, including a ban on wild animals in circuses, a review of legislation around pet dealing, and a call for CCTV cameras in abattoirs.

Mrs Moon met RSPCA inspectors, as well as members of the police and representatives from local authorities.

A number of other animal welfare groups were also present.

A spokesman said: "Over the next parliament, the RSPCA will work closely with these other animal welfare groups, as well as with representatives from the public and private sectors to ensure that animal welfare in the United Kingdom continues to improve".

Mentor project aims to help the over-50s back into work

PRIME Cymru (Prince's Initiative for Mature Enterprise in Wales), the specialist Welsh charity that helps people aged 50 or over get into work, is urging people to 'Mentor Now' – by volunteering a little time as a mentor to help improve lives in Bridgend.

There are currently over 8,000 jobless people between 50 and state pension age in Bridgend.

The launch of Mentor Now will take place at Cardiff City Hall on Wednesday, July 8, between 10am and 1pm. There are free places available, both for anyone keen to volunteer as mentors and anyone looking for a mentor.

PRIME Cymru claims to run the largest and most successful mentoring programme in Wales,



ABOVE: Teg Bevan and Nicola Munde.

matching over 360 volunteer mentors to mature individuals who want to work – through volunteering, finding a job or starting up a business. Mentors are recruited as volunteers from all types of career backgrounds.

Aviation expert and long-time businessman from Pencoed, Teg Bevan, has been a PRIME Cymru volunteer mentor for over six years, supporting a number of clients with business start-ups, including Nicola Munde – a stay-at-home, single mother of three, from Maesteg.

Teg mentored Nicola, offering one-to-one support, when she set out to develop her interest in faith art into a small business, 'Art From The Heart'.

Teg said: "I'm lucky to have worked all my life. I'm over 70 now and I still travel the world with my consultancy work. My interests and general hobbies are also quite diverse, so I have a lot of experience and, hopefully, wisdom to pass on."

"I'm inspired to volunteer as a mentor for PRIME Cymru, because I feel life and work skills should be shared, and not left behind."

"Not only has Nicola started her own art business and become self-employed, she was runner-up in the 'Mentorsme Excellence in Enterprise Mentoring Awards 2014', against stiff competition from other enterprises throughout the UK. That was an excellent result for us both."

Click on www.primecymru/mentoring to download a mentor application pack, call 0800 587 4085, or email mentoring@primecymru.co.uk.

Art society's exhibition celebrates work of RNLI



David Shillaw, Ron Brown (judge) and Robert Taylor (winner).

PORHCRAWL Art Society has put on an exhibition – to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the RNLI in the seaside town.

The paintings are on display at the Grand Pavilion in Porthcawl until August 9.

The works have been donated by the art society and are for sale, with all money raised to go to Porthcawl RNLI.

The exhibition was opened on Tuesday, June 23, by Mr David Shillaw, treasurer of Porthcawl RNLI, and judged by Mr Ron Brown, head of art

and design at the Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

There was a good response by members of the art society, who donated 22 paintings, all on themes connected with Porthcawl or the sea.

First prize: 'Low water launch', Robert Taylor. **Second:** 'Nikki Lou homeward bound', Geoff John. **Third:** 'Porthcawl Seafront', Peter Martin.

The Porthcawl art society meets every Wednesday 1.30pm-3.30pm or Thursday, 7pm to 9pm. If interested, join us in the old police station, John Street.

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MAESTEG FESTIVAL FINISHES WITH TWO EVENTS FOR LOCAL SCHOOLCHILDREN

Images by the SCENIC GALLERY

THE final two events of a very busy Maesteg Festival were aimed at schoolchildren.

A total of 400 pupils from local schools visited the town hall for a 'hands-on' encounter with a menagerie of reptiles!

Everyone had a good look at the animals, and the bolder pupils were able to handle lizards, frogs and snakes – including a 16-foot python!

Pupils also competed in the Maesteg Interschools basketball competition, after first having a morning training session taken by Welsh international basketball players

Caerau, and Ysgol Cynwdd Sant made it to the final, where Caerau finished as clear winners.



AIR CADETS JOIN RESIDENTS ON ARMED FORCES DAY IN MAESTEG

RIGHT: Residents of Bryn Celyn Care Home with cadets and staff of 631 Squadron.

AIR Cadets from 631 (Maesteg) Squadron were invited to visit Bryn Celyn Care Home in Maesteg to help the residents celebrate Armed Forces Day.

The cadets and staff showed the residents a presentation of pictures that covered the activities undertaken by 631 Squadron, including flying, gliding and adventure training and then gave them a demonstration of the Squadron's flight simulator.

Those residents who have served in the Armed Forces told the cadets tales of their service lives. The highlight was a story by Morris Grey who serviced four engine bombers in the Second World War, involving a flight test over the Western Desert in a Halifax.

At the end of the visit, Mark Chandler of Hallmark Care Homes, who run Bryn Celyn, thanked the cadets for attending. Flt Lt Anthony Davies, Officer Commanding 631 Squadron said: "It's

important that our young cadets meet those who served in the Armed Forces many years ago and understand what life was like in those times."

The 631 Squadron meet at their Upper Street, Maesteg Headquarters on Tuesday and Friday evenings. Boys and girls between 13 (or aged 12 if they are already in year-8 or equivalent at school) and 17 years old can join.

JOHN FINCH
(Civilian instructor
631 Squadron)



Students land a UK title

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Sarah-Jane continued: "The challenges ranged from making telephone calls to consumer helplines, identifying counterfeit products, looking for the best package holiday deal, budgeting for a household and a treasure hunt around Westminster.

"The team were true to their form and they were outstanding in the traditional quiz-style challenge at the House of Commons on day two.

"I would like to thank Bridgend Trading Standards for running an amazing local final and for the support they offered our team.

"I would like to congratulate the four team members and give a special mention to Jack Bridger for being an amazing team captain. They displayed excellent working relationships and remained professional at all times.

"It was a pleasure to be part of such an inspirational competition".



ABOVE: On the House of Commons terrace with their trophy are (left to right): Nathaniel King; Jack Bridger, Matthew Dang; and Felicity Williamson-Sarll.

Emmaus 'sleep out' boosts work of The Wallich



The cheque is handed over. Photo by Paul Fears Photography.

THE proceeds of a recent 'sleep out' held by Emmaus South Wales in Bridgend and attended by Terry Waite CBE, were presented to the manager and staff of The Wallich in Bridgend, by county councillor Jeff Tildesley, chair of the charity's solidarity committee.

"We greatly admire the all excellent work The Wallich do in the local area, helping the same people that we want to help," said Tom Clarke ESW's Director.

Emmaus was founded in 1949. A worldwide movement, it offers an alternative to homelessness by providing people with a home, work and companionship, to help them to regain their self-esteem.

The charity has shops in Cowbridge, Maesteg, Porthcawl and Neath and a shop and Superstore in Bridgend. Later this year it will open a new 'Community' for 23 people in a renovated former sheltered housing building in Bridgend.

Emmaus won the Bridgend Business Forum Award for the 'Social Enterprise of the Year' in 2014.

YOUNG LEADERS ARE PRAISED AT CEREMONY

LAST week, the Active Young People Development (AYPD) Leadership Pathway event, named 'The Road to Rio', celebrated the achievements of young people, schools and communities across Bridgend.

The Leadership Pathway was set up by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to create a pool of volunteers who supervise physical activity sessions in their local community, saving the local economy a substantial amount of money while creating a skilled workforce.

Over the last 12 months, pupils have put in 2,880 hours of work.

A recruitment and training provider, New Directions Education were proud to support the Bridgend community and the AYPD Leadership Pathway event as sponsors of the Year 1, 2 and 3 Leader Award.

Rhian Vernall, Branch Manager at New Directions Education said: "I have been overwhelmed by

the talent I have seen. Bridgend is home to some truly inspiring young people who, I am sure, have a bright future ahead of them.

"I am honoured to have been invited to attend and present the young leader award."

Beth Littlewood, an ambassador for the Leadership Pathway, was helped by the initiative while recovering from cancer.

She said: "The skills I developed through the pathway, such as patience and positivity, helped me focus on my future outside my illness, when I had lengthy spells in hospital undergoing treatment."

Presenting many of the awards was Welsh Paralympian athlete Aled Sion Davies MBE.

Steve Brace, former long distance runner for Wales, was presented with a 'Lifetime Achievement' award for his achievements, and his commitment to helping others to reach their goals.

To find out more about AYPD and the work that they do throughout Bridgend, visit www.aypd.org.uk/.



Bridgend Male Choir, pictured in St Asaph Cathedral.

Bridgend choir appears at St Asaph Cathedral

BRIDGEND Male Choir was delighted to return to St Asaph Cathedral at the weekend to give a concert supporting the locally-based hospice, St Kentigern's.

Under accomplished musical director, Rhiannon Williams-Hale, the choir was in fine form, receiving widespread praise.

Compere Gareth Davies was at his consummate best, as was narrator, Peter K Morgan and tenor soloist, Paul Carter.

Bridgend's contribution was part of a wider performance, including seven times Welsh National Eisteddfod winners, Trelawnyd Male Voice Choir, which was also in fine form.

Under its recently-appointed musical director, Ann Atkinson, and on piano, the busiest person taking part on the evening, Paul Young, they represented the north with aplomb.

Trelawnyd's Paul had accompanied both choirs during the evening, as well as local tenor soloists, David Jones and Ellis Jones, and a duet with Ann joining one of the unrelated Jones singers.

A St Kentigern's Hospice representative was effusive in her praise of all participants and the capacity congregation, which will have ensured a very welcome contribution towards running costs.

DAVID T BURT



ABOVE (Left to right): Rhian Vernall (New Directions Education); Jane Thomas of the Active Young People Department (AYPD) and Jon Evans (New Directions Education).

Training package for the elderly on preventing falls

A new falls prevention training package for older people, was recently launched at Brocastle Manor, Bridgend – as part of a co-ordination project.

The event was hosted by Bridgend Care & Repair and funded by Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board and Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to support the Welsh Government's Strategy for Older People.

Several speakers talked about the importance of falls prevention. Areas of particular concern included multiple medications, poor maintenance of walking aids and the fear and isolation it can mean for someone after suffering

a fall. The training package has now been developed and the Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) will be delivering this two-hour course.

The emphasis is on useful information that each participant can take away and use in their work place, own home, or families' lives, to keep themselves safe at home.

The talk is delivered in an interactive manner and delivered with a resource pack that can be taken away for future reference.

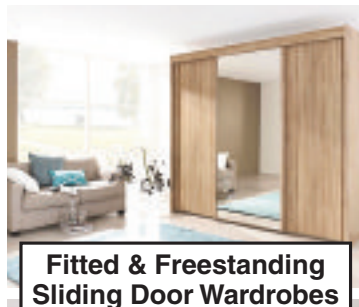
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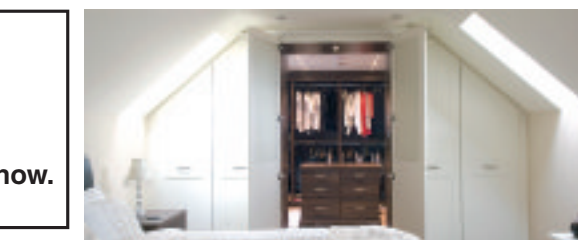
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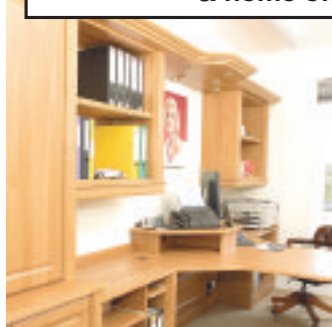
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Stars and stripes Celebration day at the cat centre!

CATS Protection's Bridgend Adoption centre is holding an American-themed open day on July 4.

Running from 10.30am to 4pm, it promises to be a fun day out for all of the family.

Special guests on the day will be Suzy Davies AM, Bridgend County Borough Deputy Mayor Coun Reg Jenkins, and the Deputy Mayoress Teresa Jenkins, and Coun Jeff Tildesley. There will be a special appearance at 11.30am by Batman.

The staff will be dressed in American-themed costume and visitors are invited to dress up too! Rosettes will be awarded for the best children's costumes.

Visitors can also meet the many loving and adorable cats in the centre's care; they include adorable Theo, a

THEO THE KITTEN

Photo by Susan Dobbs.



seven-week-old kitten, who was admitted to the centre with seven other felines because their owner was finding it difficult to cope with them all.

Sue Dobbs, centre manager said: "The open day is a great opportunity to enjoy some summertime fun while supporting the charity which finds new

homes for the many unwanted and abandoned cats that come into its care."

Other attractions will include raffle, tombola, stalls, barbecue, bouncy castle, refreshments, fresh cakes, children's corner and much more. Admission is £1 for adults and 50p for children, under-3's free.

The centre currently has 162 cats and kittens in its care awaiting a second chance in life, with a further 182 on the waiting list to come in.

For more information about the open day, directions, or to adopt a cat call 01656 724396 or visit www.bridgend.cats.org.uk

Advice surgery

ELUNED PARROTT, regional AM for South Wales Central, will be holding an advice surgery this Friday (July 3) between 10am and 12 noon at her constituency office, 38 The Parade, Roath, Cardiff, CF24 3AD.

To book an appointment, call 02920 462326.

NATALIE'S CHALLENGE GIVES MACMILLAN BIRTHDAY BOOST



NATALIE JONES has been a supporter of Macmillan Cancer Support and the MS Society for the past three years and has organised her birthday celebrations in aid of both charities raising over £6,000 to date.

Amy White, fundraising manager for Macmillan Cancer Support said: "Natalie has achieved great success through her fundraising, she is a fantastic supporter of Macmillan."

"We are grateful that she continues to raise thousands of pounds, helping to support more than 130,000 people who

are living with or beyond cancer in Wales" Lestyn from the MS Society said: "Natalie has raised many thousands of pounds for the MS Society, helping to provide hope and help for the 4,000 people living with multiple sclerosis in Wales. Natalie is clearly a natural fundraiser and a very popular person!"

It doesn't end there for Natalie... This year, she is taking on a bigger challenge than ever, or should that be challenges! Having just embarked on her new adventure, Natalie is taking on 12 challenges in 12 months.

From climbing Ben Nevis, taking on the Gower Macmarathon and a Christmas Day swim, Natalie certainly has her work cut out for her.

To support Natalie and find out more about her challenges, head to her Virgin Money page www.virginmoneygiving.com/nataliejones15



ABOVE; Natalie climbs to the summit for Macmillan.

World Cup in Blues' beach rugby festival

THE Webb Ellis Cup is coming to Barry as the first-ever Cardiff Blues beach rugby festival takes place on Barry Island beach this Saturday (July 4) – and there will also be auditions to find official mascots for the Rugby World Cup!

Land Rover – a worldwide partner of Rugby World Cup 2015 – will be holding open auditions for youngsters (aged seven to 13 years old) to win one of two official mascot places for this year's showpiece tournament.

Auditions will take place at the inaugural Blues Beach Rugby Festival and on Barry Island Promenade from 11am. This is the only chance in Wales to audition to become an official mascot!

As well as mascot auditions, from 4pm, visitors will also get the chance to glimpse the

Webb Ellis Cup and the custom built Rugby World Cup 2015 trophy tour defender that will carry the trophy for its 100-day tour around the UK and Ireland.

Hopeful mascots will need to deliver a short audition, undertaking one of the following challenges: Give a passionate rendition of a national anthem of their choice; offer some words of inspiration and advice to a Rugby World Cup 2015 team captain; and tell Land Rover how they would welcome a visiting nation to the UK for Rugby World Cup 2015 late this year.

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There will also be a special visit from Cardiff Blues players at 12noon on the day to sign autographs and meet fans!

Further details at: www.cardiffbluesbeachrugby.com.

RIMSHOTS' GIG IN PENARTH

ON Saturday, July 4, Penarth's Rocking Roots annual summer ball will be held at the Paget Rooms, Penarth as part of the summer festival.

Headlining will be The Rimshots, performing their first concert in Wales in seven years, supported by Penarth blues band Mellow Down Easy.

DJ Liam Curtin will keep the dance floor buzzing in between sets.

The Rimshots, fronted by Penarth's John Lewis, have been described as one of the best country/rockabilly bands in Europe.

Tickets (£8) on sale at Pencerdd Music, Penarth (doors open 7pm).

Demo against incinerator plan

AT 5.30pm today (Thursday, July 2), the Docks Incinerator Action Group and Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth will demonstrate at the Vale Council's Civic Offices, against the proposal to build an incinerator on Barry's Waterfront and hope to persuade the planning committee to oppose it.



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Penarth Dads' mountain marathon for Ty Hafan



The Penarth dads prepare for their three peaks challenge.

THIRTEEN Penarth dads are preparing to tackle three of the highest peaks in the UK this September.

They are attempting the mountain marathon in one non-stop 24-hour period, starting with Ben Nevis in Scotland and making their way via Scafell Pike in Cumbria to Snowdon in north Wales.

The group, who have named themselves Hike2Help, are aiming to raise as much money as possible for Sully based children's charity Ty Hafan.

Through their efforts, they hope to be able to pay for one day of the charity's running costs. Ty Hafan offer comfort, care and support to life-limited children, young people and their families throughout Wales in the hospice, in the community and in their home.

Ty Hafan is not part of the health service and receives less than five per cent statutory funding each year towards the £3.7 million it needs to do its vital work.

Team leader of the dads, James Ritchie, said they all wanted to get together to do something worthwhile whilst trying to lose a few pounds along the way: "We're all

really up for the challenge and it's a huge motivation to have the fundraising target to aim for.

"I have been wanting to do something like this for ages and when I put the idea to a couple of my friends it really took off. None of us are really super-fit and we're all busy with everyday life but we're all training as hard as we can on weekends and I'm sure we'll be in good shape come September."

Hiking up mountains is not the only thing the 'Plodfathers' are doing to raise funds; they have organised a golf day which is happening this Friday, June 26 at Peterstone Lakes golf course, just outside Cardiff.

Hike2Help golf organiser Gary Mitchell says it's going to be a great day: "We've had a lot of help from Peterson

Lakes and from many kind people who have given prizes for our charity auction at the end of the day."

They are also planning a grand summer party for July 4 at All Saints Church Hall in Penarth.

This will feature live music from Penarth band Charlie's Marbles, barbecue food, bar and disco as well as prize draw for some great items that have been generously donated. A few tickets are still available for this evening of entertainment.

The Hike2Help dads have set up their own website (www.hike2help.co.uk) and are on Twitter and Facebook if you want to check out their progress and get further details of the events. You can also donate to the cause via a simple button on the website.

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Ceilidh band founder dies

LOCAL ceilidh band, Thingumijigs, has said a sad farewell to one of its founder members, Richard Antonio Fattorini, who died recently.

Richard was a whistle player, but well known at local ceilidhs for producing a variety of loud and unexpected noises from bells, rattles and claxons during the band's play-out tune.

Children will remember him at school barn dances and Victorian Fair days.

Richard was a mine of information, and enriched band practices with a wealth of background facts about the tunes. He was once treasurer of the Bridgend and District Quiz League, and his active interests ranged from real ale to politics, and from cats to Welsh culture.

It was Richard's encouragement that led to the band learning a new repertoire of Welsh folk tunes to play at the National Eisteddfod when it came to Llandow in 2012. He was also a very committed member of his church.

At his funeral, members were surprised to learn that Richard had a very interesting family history: His great grandfather, Antonio Fattorini, came to the north of England in 1815, and began

working as a market trader, selling jewellery and watches.

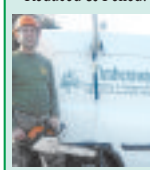
He started a Watch Club, and the business eventually evolved to become Empire Stores, the first mail order company in Europe. Fattorini & Sons also designed and manufactured badges, medals and trophies, including the FA Cup.

Richard will be missed by all who knew him. Sympathy is extended to the family.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, BCT and Porthcawl areas and Phil is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've

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she celebrated her 70th birthday in style – by doing a wing walk at Gloucester Airport.

Mike Dentith of Wingwalk Display Ltd was the pilot who looked after Bobbie as

she stood, strapped on top of a bi-plane and was flown over the airfield.

Her husband Pete said: "Many at Bobbie's age are ready to kick the bucket, but she keeps adding to her bucket list."

"So far Bobbie has been in a submarine, hot air balloon, zip line in North Wales, travelled at 100mph, a parachute jump, and helicopter ride at Rhooze.

"She is frequently my number one mate when I go yachting in the Bristol Channel. Shortly she will be doing her second zip line at Chestport."

Bobbie has a slightly unusual hobby as well – belly dancing – and she is a member of the Desert Divas.

Pete Booker added: "Mike the pilot, has promised to do a 'loop the loop' for her on her 80th, while Bobbie is also set on doing something in space for that birthday!"



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Care chief claims new legislation is "madness"

A NUMBER of nursing homes in the Vale could be forced to close because of new UK Government rules, a social care chief has claimed.

The controversial legislation will force non-European workers to return home if they are not earning at least £35,000 after six years – and that will include well-qualified nurses working in social care.

According to Care Forum Wales, the body that represents the independent social care sector in Wales, it will lead to the loss of nursing home beds at a time when they are needed more than ever and could force some homes to close completely because of a shortage of trained staff.

Mario Kreft, the Chair of Care Forum Wales, said: "Essentially, the Government will end up getting rid of well-qualified staff doing a good job and then replacing them with economic migrants without qualifications."

"This could very well lead to nursing homes being closed because of a shortage of qualified nurses."

"It could also lead to the sector having to pay higher fees for agency nurses and will almost certainly mean some care providers will have to stop offering nursing care."

"This is utter madness. This is the daftest policy I have heard of in a long time."

According to Mary Wimbury, the senior policy advisor at Care Forum Wales, the new Home Office rules could push the Welsh care sector, which is

already struggling to recruit enough nurses, "over the edge."

At its Bournemouth conference recently, the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) highlighted the fact that thousands of foreign nurses working in junior posts in the UK could be forced to return home under new Home Office immigration rules.

As part of its effort to control net migration, the Government is imposing a new pay threshold for migrants which means that non-European workers will have to leave the UK after six years if they are not earning at least £35,000.

The RCN predicts the rules will "cause chaos" for the health service, waste money spent on recruitment and affect more than 3,300 NHS

nurses by 2017.

"The new rules will have a disastrous effect on the care sector in Wales, which employs many nurses from non-European countries, few of whom will be earning anything like the £35,000 threshold."

"The actual figure of those involved runs into hundreds of nurses who in turn care for many thousands of patients across Wales."

"Due to a reduction in the number of nurses being trained and an increase in numbers leaving the profession we already have a significant issue in terms of recruiting nurses to the care sector in Wales and this will only make things worse."

The Home Office has said the rules will help reduce demand for migrant labour.

LOCAL MEMBERS ATTEND 'BREAST CANCER' LAUNCH



Rosina Butler and Pam Allinson at the launch event in London.

BREAST Cancer Now, the new charity created from April's merger of Breast Cancer Campaign and Breakthrough Breast Cancer, launched on June 15, with the ambition of stopping women dying from breast cancer by 2050.

The largest breast cancer charity in the UK, Breast Cancer Now has vowed to fund the brightest researchers from across the UK and Ireland to see its vision realised.

Local supporters, Rosina Butler and Pam Allinson from Cardiff and Vale Breast Cancer Now attended the charity preview launch event on Thursday, June 11 in Westminster, London, where the new charity name and branding was revealed. Attendees of the event pledged their support to the new charity, and enjoyed an evening of celebration.

Rosina said: "I was to ensure that my granddaughters don't have to worry about getting breast cancer so I am proud to lend my support to Breast Cancer Now."

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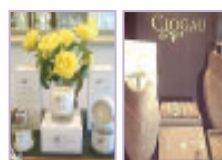
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Minions raise a laugh – but plot is not a strong point



by GARETH JAMIESON
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SIDEKICKS are sidekicks for a reason – they have limited appeal outside the framework in which they have prospered, so when you send them out on their own, the reaction is tepid to say the least.

After all, as hilarious as the Penguins from Madagascar were in those films, give them

their own film and suddenly their charm is on the wane.

The latest supporting players have a little bit more profile, however, as the Minions from the *Despicable Me* films take centre stage in a film entitled (you guessed it) *Minions*.

Set in the years before they meet with those films' lead character, Gru, we follow Minions Stuart, Kevin and Bob as they are recruited by supervillain Scarlet Overkill (voiced by Sandra Bullock), who, with her husband Herb (*Mad Men*'s Jon Hamm), has plans to take over the world, a mission that the Minions are tasked with helping, though their help may very well turn into hindrance...

Given that you can barely step into a shop or visit social media without seeing something to do with the little yellow creatures, the characters of the Minions have developed a ubiquity rarely seen; in fact, it would be fair to say that they are a pop culture phenomenon.

Given that the *Despicable Me* films have taken over \$1.5 billion worldwide (in no small part due to the allure of the characters), it's unsurprising that they've spun off into their own feature – the end product is a film that is enjoyable and entertaining, will keep you amused but feels a little flat in terms of the story.

Not that it really matters about the plot: after all the stars of the show are the Minions, and their particular brand of slapstick comedy, and here the

film strikes a home run. The opening section of the film, where we see their creation and then their search for the baddest boss they can find (clue – things don't end well for the bosses they choose) is a well-judged selection of comedic pratfalling and japey.

Their garbled and gobbled speech (a mixture of gibberish and several languages) sounds funny, but also squarely places the emphasis on the physicality of the humour, and directors Pierre Coffin and Kyle Balda showcase this incredibly well.

It's just a shame that convention dictates that it needs a plot to hang this comedy on, as the one conjured up is unengaging and dull. Given that they used the vocal talents of Sandra Bullock, you would expect Scarlet Overkill to be a hugely impressive villain. Instead, while it's a nice to see a female character as the big bad, the character is lacking in just that, with Jon Hamm even more ill-served with the role as her inventor husband.

Whenever the Minions are allowed to run riot, the film shines; when we get into the intricacies of the plot (involving an unlikely coronation, abdication and a kidnapping and rescue) it loses pace and excitement, before a climax that sees a familiar face come in and steal, quite literally, the film.

While it won't bother younger audiences, for whom these characters are perfect viewing fodder, it does take the

shine off the hilarity of much of the film for those who take more than just a passing interest in elements such as story and common sense; while the Minions are as entertaining as ever, they deserve something better than this.

VERDICT: A leaden and dull plot takes the shimmer of them a little, but these Minions are still a wonderfully humorous proposition. The comedy is well staged, the characters themselves are impossible to not like – it's just a shame that they weren't given anything better to do. *Enjoyable.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Despicable Me 2* (2013), *Penguins of Madagascar* (2014).

Local groups' grant extension in Vale

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, has welcomed news that Natural Resources Minister Carl Sargeant AM, has agreed an extension of grant funding for 31 projects registered with Environment Wales until the end of March 2017.

The AM has been pressing for the extension for Vale groups such as the Amelia Trust Farm, Valeways and Barry Community Garden & Allotment, as Environment Wales is due to end in its current form in this September with new funding arrangements to be put in place.

She commented: "This extension is great news for the Amelia Trust Farm, Valeways and Barry Community Garden and Allotment – as it allows continuity of funding to enable them to deliver on their current projects whilst also preparing to make a bid directly to Welsh Government under new grant funding arrangements."

"I have been pressing for this extension and am extremely pleased that the Minister has recognised the valuable work of these Vale charities; his statement has been well received here in the Vale."

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

Family fun

MEMBERS of Bethania Presbyterian Church, Pendoylan, are holding a family fun day this Sunday, at Welsh St Donats Community Hall from 12pm to 4pm. Entry is free and everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a barbecue, cake stall, face painting and raffle.

RNLI lifeguards ready for action

RNLI lifeguards will be returning to three of the Vale's busiest beaches this weekend – to offer safety advice and assistance over the summer holidays.

Working in partnership with Vale Council, the charity's lifeguards are returning to their posts on Southendown, Omore and Llantwit Major beach from 10am on Saturday (July 4) to offer a daily safety service over the summer season.

Over the three beaches, RNLI lifeguards responded to 91 incidents and assisted 102 people in 2014 and Stuart Thompson, RNLI lifeguard manager said: "The lifeguards are all set ready to return to their posts in the Vale this weekend."

"With hot weather forecast throughout the week we anticipate a lot of people visiting the coast this weekend. We advise that people choose a lifeguarded beach and always swim between the red and yellow flags – that way you can relax in the knowledge that you and your family are safe under the watchful eyes of professional lifeguards."

Visit the RNLI website www.rnli.org.uk/beachsafety or download the charity's beach safety mobile app.

Church open day

ST PETER'S Church, Old Cogan, is holding its annual open day this Saturday, July 5, from 2pm-5pm. Various stalls, jazz trio and refreshments.

TOP advice

TAXHELP for Older People (TOP) will hold an income tax surgery offering free professional advice to older people on a restricted income at Roz Couzens' Chiropractic Surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major CF61 1RB on

Monday, July 6 from 10am until midday. No appointment necessary.

For the TOP's helpline, telephone 08456 013321, or 01308 488066. Home visits can also be arranged via this helpline for people unable to attend the surgery.

Summer dance

A SUMMER dance will be held on Saturday, July 11, at Bonvilston Reading Room, when Jumpin' Jimmy and the Nice Guys, an 11-piece blues and soul band will provide the entertainment. For tickets (£7) call at the Old Village Shop, Bonvilston, or telephone 01446 781686.

Dvorak's Requiem in concert

COR Bro Ogwr presents Dvorak's Requiem with the British Sinfonietta in concert.

There are four young soloists: soprano Jessica Robinson; mezzo Olivia Gomez; tenor Conal Bembridge-Sayers and bass Ben Tomlin.

The concert is on July 11 in All Saints' Church, Porthcawl at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from choir members, at the door, or telephone 01656 653326.

LIFT self-help group meetings

LIFT self-help group, which offers friendship and support to those affected by breast cancer, meet in Cowbridge once a fortnight, either between 10am and 1pm for relaxation therapies or 2pm – 4pm, for speakers or special activities.

Members of the group recently enjoyed afternoon tea at Llancarch Vineyard and on July 15 at 2pm we have a speaker.

The last meeting before the summer break is on July 29 – relaxation therapies and garden party.

If you know of anyone who might benefit from this group, phone Anne on 01446 772843, or Judith on 01446 794176. New members always welcome, please bring a friend.

Dinas Powys show classes

DINAS POWYS Village Show, a popular event in the local calendar, will be held on Saturday, September 5 in the Parish and Lee Halls.

The show schedule is now available, free of charge, from the following outlets: Dinas Powys Council office, Britway Road; The library at Fair Oaks; Penarth Library; the Chemist shops at Camm's Corner and Cardiff

Road; Brynawel Fuchsia and Garden Centre, Sully Road and the Nislocal store on Cardiff Road. There are over 100 classes for ages from three upwards. The schedule includes classes for young people from nursery age through to the end of primary school.

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Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D885.

● £2,000: 927850.
● The rollover, which now stands at £2,000 was not won this week.

● £10: 858141, 670947, 583551, 163922, 323179, 278980, 418769, 613813, 283356, 252545, 580779, 285041, 727993, 147989, 914710, 935747, 466870, 710232, 154509, 1075.

● £5: 897790, 698260, 874539, 212060, 349979, 715526, 701019, 814872, 730025, 957524,

296100, 233330, 730877, 804263, 373549, 113281, 367262, 817645, 296395, 937092, 212690, 731765, 879273, 275420, 503880, 968909, 460417, 542050, 691047, 376706, 387590, 483874, 537176, 895868, 641587, 974717, 719564, 765361, 541675, 968947, 182565, 885638, 825105, 379353, 315948, 229618, 279253, 322650, 382378, 732783, 483051, 421087, 585203, 126415, 840562, 548, 1673, 1694, 870, 2277.

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Councillors want to hear views on the solar farm

A LARGE solar farm is planned between Dinas Powys and Barry, near St Richard Gwyn School and Biglis Farm.

The details are contained in a planning application to the Vale Council.

The proposals include construction of a PV solar farm for the production of electricity comprising solar panels mounted on fixed frames with associated infrastructure and buildings.

There will be a two-metre deer fence surrounding the site.

Plaid councillor Chris Franks said: "The land is either side of the railway line and to the south of the school. There will be over 20,000 photovoltaic panels.

Electricity generated will be fed into the local grid.

"It will also provide power to the school. The output will be equal to the 'average energy consumption of 1,200 houses' according to the planning bid as well as the school's needs.

The application says that there will be significant economic benefit to the school.

"The applicant further states that it will save 2,800 tonnes per year of CO2.

"Local councillors would be pleased to hear the views of the community concerning this application. There are obvious concerns about such large schemes in the countryside.

"Up to four fields are involved. Apparently, the panels have a life span of 25 years."

Regional Tory AM hits out at ambulance times

REGIONAL AM Andrew RT Davies has attacked the performance of the Welsh ambulance service, after time targets were again missed in the Vale.

During May, 55.8 per cent of emergency responses in the Vale to immediately life-threatening calls arrived at the scene within eight minutes, according to the Welsh Government's statistics.

Mr Davies said this was an improvement on April, but that it was still below the rest of Wales, which averaged 59.4 per cent.

He went on: "Residents across the Vale will rightly question 19 consecutive months of missed targets and it is disappointing that performance in the

Vale continues to lag behind other parts of Wales.

"Any improvement in performance is welcome and all credit must go to the frontline staff who day in, day out, go out and save lives.

"The Vale has a number of challenges due to its rural nature but it's now crucial that Carwyn Jones, Labour's health minister and the Cardiff and Vale Health Board take steps to implement their commitment to improve and transform the service.

"In an immediately life-threatening situation, the length of time waiting for an ambulance can make the difference between life and death".

Free welfare advice sessions

ARE you living in the Vale and do you need advice or help on benefits such as pension credit, attendance allowance, housing benefit or disability living allowance?

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale runs a free welfare rights service which can help. An adviser from Age Connects Cardiff and Vale will be able to help with form filling at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, July 7, 9.30am to 11.30am.

No appointment is needed. Contact 01446 732385 for further information; home visits can be arranged. GF

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There will definitely be lots of fun at Fun Foundations this summer - so if you haven't made arrangements for childcare the holidays give the team a call on 01446 771117.

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Onesie Walk hopes to raise £30,000 for Ty Hafan hospice

MORE than 600 fundraisers lined the night-time streets of Cardiff city centre for the Wales Onesie Walk from the Millennium Stadium, which is expected to raise more than £30,000 to support Ty Hafan's vital work for life-limited children at the Sully hospice.

One of the walkers raising funds, Sian Davies, took part in memory of her baby daughter, Evie Alys Footman, who was born 14 weeks early on September 15 2012 and sadly died in her mum's arms at Ty Hafan when she was just five months old, in January 2013.

Sian said: "The unknown pregnancy had caused me to deliver Evie at home. She suffered severe oxygen deprivation and her whole entrance into the world was extreme. We were supported

amazingly and managed to do so many things you can expect to do with your newborn," said Sian.

"The support Ty Hafan gave us on the days that followed was unbelievable, and to this day, they continue to support us as a family."

Sian and her partner, Gary, have been actively fundraising for Ty Hafan, the hospice for children in Wales, ever since.

Sian said: "I took part in the Wales Onesie Walk to support this amazing charity."

"We want to do everything we can so that other families can have the great support we had."

Ty Hafan is now planning its next fundraising event - the Aberdare Rainbow Run - on July 18.

For more information visit www.rainbowrunwales.co.uk or email events@tyhafan.org

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Local people are honoured by Dinas Powys Rotary Club

THE president of Dinas Powys Rotary Club, Colin Jones was "delighted" to present Sandra Fitt and Nick Phillips with the club's 'Founders Award',

given each year to a person or persons who have achieved high standards within the community.

Sandra was recognised for her achievement of over 21 years of excellent work

in foster caring and Nick Phillips has completed over 38 years of distinguished service with the Scout movement in the village.

Colin Jones said: "Dinas Powys Rotary Club are honoured to have such wonderful people in our community and we are pleased to be offering donations to their nominated charity."

"We look forward to continue recognising our local folk who have done so much for Dinas Powys."

The presentation took place at the Huntsman Restaurant last week with the Dinas Powys Rotary Club members in attendance.

During the evening, the members also enjoyed a presentation by Dr Stephanie Matthews, who spoke on the subject of murder, medicine and WMD.

It included the story of Sir Jack Drummond, a scientist and forgotten hero of the Second World War, who used his expertise to save thousands of lives through food rationing, and a person who deserves to be celebrated as a national treasure.

A vote of thanks was given by Dr Jon Jones on behalf of the club.

JANE EXEL

Dazzling demo day for the WIs

ON June 20, as part of celebrations marking the 100th anniversary of the founding of the National Federation of Women's Institutes in Wales, England and the Channel Islands, Glamorgan Federation hosted a 'Dazzling Demonstration Day' at Ararat Baptist Church, in Cardiff.

Eighty members from 23 institutes attended and were treated to a variety of interesting talks with practical demonstrations.

Mrs Yvonne Randall showed the ladies how to make a range of pastries and everyone agreed that they were delicious! Mrs Jill Watkins made floral

corsages and buttonholes look easy, and gave everyone ideas for making that special outfit even more spectacular.

Mrs Alison Westward had wonderful and interesting ways of packaging all manner of gifts, and everyone decided that they would never buy a bottle bag again!

Mr Kevin Thomas regaled members with tales of his career as a plants man and showed them delightful photographs of 'Summer Gardens'.

The day was a great success and the members went home with a variety of new ideas and skills to try for themselves!

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MANY of your readers will have seen the good news this week that two new life-saving meningitis vaccination programmes will begin this summer.

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Please visit our website at www.MeningitisNow.org for more information, or to take part – it will only take a few minutes.

Thank you.
SUE DAVIE,
Chief executive,
Meningitis Now.

Vale AM's surgery

THE Vale AM Jane Hutt will hold a surgery on July 4 at Barry Citizens' Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street, Barry from 10am – 11.30am. No appointment is necessary.

Ty Hafan's hero dads conquer Three Peaks

Gary Footman, Chris Jenkins, Gareth Jenkins, Adam Bayjoo and Ben Jones.



A GROUP of dads supported by Ty Hafan braved tough weather conditions to tackle the three highest peaks in Wales to raise funds for the charity.

The GE Aviation Wales sponsored event, which has raised more than £1.4m for Ty Hafan since its launch in 1998, saw more than 400 participants climb Snowdon – the highest mountain in Wales – before scaling the mighty Cadair Idris and Pen y Fan – all in less than 15 hours.

They covered a total distance of 20.35 miles in rain and heavy fog before being greeted with a heroes welcome and a well-deserved barbecue, kindly provided by Just Perfect Catering, at the finish point in Pen y Fan.

The dads' team included Gary Footman, Adam Bayjoo, Ben Jones and Chris Jenkins, who all share a common bond as they are supported by Ty Hafan – the hospice for children in Wales.

Ben Jones' four-year-old daughter, Hallie Mae, was referred to Ty Hafan two years ago as she suffers from a rare genetic condition called Cri Du Chat. Infants with the condition often have a high-pitched cry that sounds like a cat.

Ben, who enjoyed the challenge so much that he wants to do it again next year, said: "Ty Hafan has done so much for Hallie Mae and our family, so

it was great to give something back by taking part in the Welsh3Peaks Challenge.

"It was a really tough day but I just kept thinking about what we were doing it for which gave me a real boost. It was really good to do it with a great bunch of guys who have all been helped by Ty Hafan and I can't wait to do it again next year."

Ty Hafan's male support worker, Gareth Jenkins, joined the dads' group for the challenge. "What our families are going through is extremely tough," said Gareth.

"The Welsh3Peaks Challenge was a chance for the dads to raise money and give something back, but ultimately build life-long friendships that will help them along their journeys."

Sali Thomas, Ty Hafan events manager, said: "Our 80 teams took on the Welsh3peaks through some of the worst weather conditions we have ever seen. Well done and thank you so much to each and every one of the participants who took part."

"We'd also like to thank our headline sponsors, GE Aviation Wales, and their 90 amazing volunteer marshals who did a fantastic job in keeping the walkers motivated and safe."

Ty Hafan is now planning its next event – the Wales Onesie Walk in Cardiff city centre – on Friday 26 June. To register, please visit walesonesiewalk.co.uk.

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Bikers are asked to get behind the Hands for Alan 'ride out' appeal

LOCAL motor cyclists are being asked to come forward and join a 'ride out' to raise funds for a nine-year-old boy who needs 'bionic' hands.

Alan Gifford was born with a complex heart defect and when he was three, he went into hospital for major open heart surgery.

Alan's mother, Hannah Jones, told The GEM: "After the operation, he caught an infection and because his heart was working so hard to pump blood to his brain and lungs, it stopped the flow to his hands, resulting in the amputation of his fingers.

"I was told three times that Alan wouldn't make it through the night and to call the family in to say their goodbyes, but he pulled through.

"After six months in hospital, we were finally allowed home. Alan is a little fighter and is so determined. He won't let anything get to him.



ABOVE: Young Alan Gifford dreams of one day being able to ride a bicycle.

"My goal now is to raise £60,000 to buy him two new bionic hands (i-limb ultra and i-limb digit). With these hands, Alan will be able to be like every other boy his age. All he wants is to be normal, to ride a bike dress and feed himself without any help, but to do this we need help.

"We are holding a ride out on Sunday, July 12, from M & P Cycles in Gorseinon, Swansea, to the Owls' Nest in Llandoverly, so we are calling on all bikers to help make this a day Alan will never forget".

More information can be found on [facebook.com/handsforalan](https://www.facebook.com/handsforalan).

COUPLE RAISE CRUCIAL FUNDS FOR THE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

A COUPLE from Barry have raised thousands of pounds to help fund care and services for children with life-limiting illnesses in Cardiff and the Vale.

A total of £4,875 was raised for the Children's Community Nursing Service (CCNS) based at the Children's Centre in University Hospital

Llandough (UHL).

It will help purchase sensory equipment for the children, arts and crafts materials for activities at the Saturday Club, and fund a Christmas party for the children.

Katie Smith, healthcare support worker at the Children's Centre, and her husband, Andrew, from Barry, came up with the idea to host a black tie event at

Cardiff City Stadium. The event, which attracted 193, raised over £2,000 in raffle tickets alone.

Katie said: "We set out to raise a few hundred pounds, to give the CCNS children and their families a party which they very much deserve.

"From the support and generosity of everyone involved, the scale of our event was bigger and better than we ever anticipated.

"We would like to thank everyone who gave their time, effort and donations.

"We are looking forward to planning our next fundraising event!"

The CCNS based at UHL, provides nursing care to children with continuing healthcare needs, in their home, in schools and at Saturday Club.

Working with the Well Child nurse, the team aims to promote early discharge and prevent hospital admission where appropriate.

The team currently cares for about 60 children across the region.

Dawn Daniel, acting team manager at the Children's Centre, said: "Our team work closely with the children and families who access the service and build great relationships with

them, so it is such a bonus that we have raised this money.

"It will help the team provide the service and those little extras that mean a lot to the children.

"For the last two years, we have been unable to hold a Christmas celebration - and it now means this year we host a special party for them."

The CCNS team works in partnership with the Children's Hospital for Wales, Ty Hafan, special schools, and a number of voluntary agencies, to provide the service for children and their families.

Children's swanky hats for Age Cymru charity!

LOCAL children will be wearing swanky summer hats on Friday, July 3 - to help raise money for charity.

It's part of a campaign by Age Cymru to help end isolation and loneliness among vulnerable older people.

'Swanky Summer Hat Day' is a simple and fun fundraiser taking place during the charity's 'Summer Sizzlers' season.

Spokesperson Nia Butler said: "We all know what it's like to feel lonely, but imagine what it must be like to actually be alone and isolated every day - this is, unfortunately a reality

for many older people in Wales."

Age Cymru can provide 'Swanky Summer Hat Day' posters and information on how to send your donations to the charity. Organisations can also get involved by holding their very own 'Summer Sizzler' activity, with all funds raised supporting vulnerable older people.

For more information about 'Swanky Summer Hat Day' and 'Summer Sizzlers' please visit www.agecymru.org.uk/simmersizzler or contact Age Cymru's Fundraising Team on 029 2043 1555 or by emailing fundraising@agecymru.org.uk.

Fly into the Cardiff Airport - for just £15

On Sunday, August 9 Cardiff Airport will invite private aircraft to 'fly in' to Rhosfor a one-off reduced landing fee of £15.

The 'fly in' is open to light, privately owned aircraft weighing up to a maximum of two metric tonnes, offering a rare opportunity for pilots to enjoy the full experience of landing in a fully-operational commercial airport.

All money raised on the day will be donated to Wales Air Ambulance said Debra Barber, managing director at

Cardiff Airport: "It is a privilege to be able to offer the private owners of light aircraft the chance to experience landing into Cardiff Airport during what is already a busy summer season for us.

"What's more, it's an ideal opportunity to showcase airport services and facilities, whilst raising money for a very worthy cause; let's just hope the sun makes an appearance, too!"

Contact Neil Boyles or Sean Link at Aeros via email cardiff@aeros.co.uk or call 01446 710000.

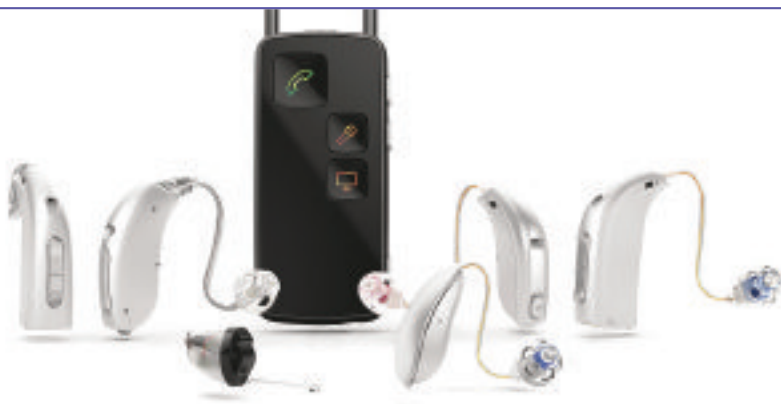


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Residents discuss flood defences plan with AM

REGIONAL AM Suzy Davies has met **Newton residents** to discuss the **Welsh Government's** decision to stop maintaining flood defences in 20 years.

The recent exhibition at the Grand Pavilion about Natural Resources Wales' plans for the Porthcawl shoreline helped answer some questions but the lifetime of the plan still left many concerns.

Mrs Davies, a Welsh Conservative Regional AM, was accompanied by Coun Ken Watts, county borough member for Newton, and Coun Alun Thomas, who won a seat representing Newton on Porthcawl Town Council in a by-election last week.

One resident of Beach Road said that her front garden had been flooded several times by the sea during the 40 years she has lived locally. NRW has now installed flood gates for her and some neighbours.

Following the floods two winters ago, NRW spent £300,000 and used more than 6,500 tonnes of stone rock armour to shore up the defences to make them more resilient to the effects of



Coun Alun Thomas, Coun Ken Watts and Suzy Davies AM on Newton Beach.

the tides. This is in addition to the wall built by the old Ogwr Borough Council in 1989.

Coun Alun Thomas, who attended the exhibition, said that the shoreline management plan was under a rolling review, and it was possible that the decision to stop maintaining the flood defences would be reversed.

In that case, an option being explored was the possibility of raising the height of the existing sea wall by a further six feet, although BCBC is concerned about the appearance of the area if this happened.

Ken Watts said that exceptionally high tides in the past had seen the sea overtopping this wall and flooding the road between the beach and the houses. The proposed new beach defences, explained at

the exhibition, could well stop that from happening in the future.

The regional AM said that while it was very good to see defences being strengthened, it was also irresponsible to announce that the Welsh Government would only commit to that for a set period of time.

She went on: "Where protection of people's homes is concerned, it is entirely sensible for the Welsh Government to think ahead. As Natural Resources Wales' present plan comes to the end of its life, the appropriate step would be to begin planning afresh to deal with the challenges of the next 20 or 30 years.

"To say, at this stage, that the Government won't commit to repairs or further improvements from 2035, is simply unhelpful, however. We'll have had four Assembly elections by

then and who knows what Governments between now and then may decide."

She added: "Is the Welsh Government, in approving NRW's plans, signalling to my constituents that they don't mind if their homes are undefended, with all the implications that has?"

"I will be asking Environment Minister Carl Sergeant AM to look again at this decision. There are young families who have moved into this street and the situation is causing great worry and stress to residents of all ages.

"I hope the Welsh Government will persuade NRW to withdraw the decision of a final intervention and leave the question of long term maintenance of flood defences open for future consideration."

YSGOL LLANGYNWYD 'ROAD TESTS' THE NEW WELSH BACCALAUREATE

YSGOL LLANGYNWYD, Bridgend, was one of the first to trial the new-look Welsh Baccalaureate which will be introduced in schools across Wales from September, following a review.

Llangynwyd was tasked with completing an enterprise and employability challenge and with the Urdd eisteddfod set to be held in Bridgend in a few

years' time, students took on the challenge of developing a product to be sold to visitors at the youth festival.

Catrin Evans, who has overall responsibility for the Baccalaureate at Ysgol Llangynwyd, explained: "We used the opportunity to research the Urdd's history and values, and organised a local design and print company to come in to advise the students and give them an idea of what could work from a business perspective."

Students at Ysgol Llangynwyd then battled it out against their peers and presented their ideas in groups. The five best groups chosen had the opportunity to showcase their idea to an external panel, comprising representatives from Careers Wales and exam board WJEC. The winning group will hopefully see their ideas become a reality.

Year-10 student Aeron Davies said: "What's good about this challenge is that it's very real. We have been able to work with external companies and had an idea of what's needed to succeed in the world of business. As part of the process, I have also had to learn new skills – such as presentation, and improved some basic skills to help with budget planning."

The new Welsh Baccalaureate is an integral part of the Welsh Government's drive to improve qualifications following a comprehensive review of qualifications for 14 – 19-year-olds.

Minister for Education Huw Lewis commented: "In developing these key educational reforms we have worked with, and taken advice from, businesses, schools, colleges and universities to improve qualifications in Wales, making sure they meet the needs of our young people and make a valuable contribution to supporting the Welsh economy."

Llangynwyd teacher Catrin agreed that there is now a "clearer focus" to the reformed Welsh Bacc qualification: "The proposed changes to the Welsh Baccalaureate are very much welcomed. The simple fact that it is now graded has given it a greater status, among students and parents, and as a result the commitment is so much greater."

Kenfig florist takes best window display prize



FOR the third year, the Pyle and Kenfig Hill Festival Week held a 'best dressed window' competition.

This year, the theme was the 2015 Rugby World Cup and first prize went to Arlene's Florist, with the runner-up's prize going to the shop next door, Express Motors

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Dan (aged 6) aims to rake in RHS gardening title!

DAN TAILBY (aged 6) a pupil at Dinas Powys Primary School, is in the running for the Royal Horticultural Society School Gardener of the Year title.

He is one of four finalists in his age category throughout the UK to be invited to a special celebratory day at RHS Wisley in Surrey.

Dan and his family will be given an exclusive tour, a sit-down afternoon tea and a chance to meet expert gardeners, as well as celebrity gardener Frances Tophill.

He has also been given a video camera to make a short film and show judges why he should be a winner.

"Dan's interest in gardening first became apparent when he was three years old, after his family became involved in a project at the newly-opened Nightingale Community Gardens in Dinas Powys. Five families shared one of the plots to learn how to grow vegetables over a year," a school spokeswoman said.

"He was one of eight children involved. While all the children enjoyed it Dan was hooked. When the others went off to play in the play area, Dan stayed on the plot

engrossed. And today, while the other children are busy with new interests Dan is still there.

"He insisted his mum take on part of the plot herself at the end of the year, so that he can continue to grow his crops. This is now his third season growing food in the community garden, and he is still as keen as he was when the garden was set up.

"His enthusiasm has lasted and is beyond that normally seen in children of his age.

"Once shown how to plant or harvest a crop, he does it methodically and efficiently. He is capable of choosing the correct tool from the shed for a job, and understands what the crops need to thrive, and what pests may threaten them. He takes an interest in the plants' progress without adult intervention.

"He really does love the whole experience. His favourite vegetables to eat are peas straight from the pod, and sweetcorn.

"The other adults at the plot enjoy his company and he will help neighbouring plot holders, if given the chance. He also enjoys a cup of freshly brewed tea shared by some of the men and listens in to the banter with interest. He really has become part of the community."



Ewenny Priory Church marks its 900th year

THE 900th anniversary celebrations of the building of Ewenny Priory Church take place this month.

From July 11-13, it will be bedecked with flowers, the arrangements by members of the various organisations and activities connected with Ewenny Priory Church today, reflecting both the life of the church and of the local community.

As far as possible, flowers and shrubs that were available in medieval times are being used, with colours of a summer herbaceous border, preserving the simplicity and beauty of the Priory Church. This is an opportunity to look at the Norman architecture, as well as the flowers.

The church will be open from 10am to 5pm each day for viewing. The entrance fee is £3, which includes a full-colour brochure describing the displays and the history of the

Priory Church. On Sunday, July 12, the Ewenny 900 festival service will be held in the church, when the preacher will be the Archbishop of Wales with music by St Donat's Chamber Choir.

At 6pm will be Songs of Praise, with hymns from each of the nine centuries of the church's life. All are warmly welcomed to attend these services, and join in the celebrations.

On Saturday, July 18 a medieval fayre will be held on the Priory House Archery Field from 10am to 5pm, and it promises to be a day of fun and interest for all.

Participants include a medieval camp with re-enactors, archers and battlers, a display of owls, and a craft corner of potters, stained glass artists and willow basket weavers.

There will be music and dance, various stalls, activities for children and food and drink.

Venerable Philip Morris, Archdeacon of Margam

End of era for 'Little People'

AFTER 20 successful years providing childcare in Barry, Little People's Playgroup of Coastland Church in Tennyson Road, will close its doors for the last time on Thursday, July 16.

A spokesperson said: "Staff and children participated in the Barnardo's @Big Toddler on June 15.

"This year's theme was pirates, and the children and staff members were encouraged to dress up and take part in various obstacle courses and

treasure hunts. It was a huge success and helped to raise £349 for the great charity organisation.

"Little People's Playgroup was founded in 1995 by Kerrie Taylor and the late Rev Gurwin Marshallsea, in its initial premises at Pyke Street Eilim Church, and has been providing a high quality of childcare in Barry for the last two decades.

"Kerrie and staff would like to extend their thanks to the families who have helped support the playgroup throughout its tenure, and wish them all the very best for the future."

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MP is backing campaign to end ovarian cancer 'postcode lottery'

MADELEINE MOON, the MP for Bridgend, has signed up to a new campaign to end the ovarian cancer 'postcode lottery', launched by national charity Target Ovarian Cancer.

She pledged her support for the new campaign in Parliament this week, after Target Ovarian Cancer released a new report highlighting the regional differences between survival rates of ovarian cancer, awareness and participation in clinical trials.

The MP said: "More needs to be done to ensure that all women with ovarian cancer get the support and care that they need, regardless of where they live. I have pledged to make sure that is happening in Bridgend."

Annwen Jones, Chief Executive of Target Ovarian Cancer, said: "While cancer doesn't discriminate by address, r.org.uk

this new report clearly shows that women with ovarian cancer are facing a life-altering postcode lottery.

"Women with ovarian cancer should be able to access the best standards available, no matter where they live in the UK."

The Ovarian Cancer Postcode Lottery report is calling on all MPs to make sure that women with ovarian cancer are getting access to the best treatment and care possible.

A spokesperson said: "We need to stop women dying needlessly because of where they live.

"The most important thing is that women know what to look out for. That is why we need a national awareness campaign so that every woman knows the key symptoms which are having a bloated tummy or tummy pain, needing to wee more often/urgently and always feeling full."

For more information, visit www.targetovariancancer.org.uk

'How do you say 'thank you' to Marie Curie for help at a horrendous time?'

Kellyann's 'volcano trek' in memory of her Dad

by GEM REPORTER

A Barry mother of two is to undertake a 'Five Volcanoes' trek to Central America to raise funds for Marie Curie, which looked after her father in his final days.

Kellyann Jones said: "How do you say 'thank you' to Marie Curie for helping us through the most horrendous time as a family?"

Her answer is to head for Costa Rica and a gruelling mountain trek next year to raise funds for Marie Curie so the staff can continue to deliver care and support for people suffering from terminal illnesses.

Police officer Kellyann (38) had a recent brush with cancer herself.

"Last year I had cancer of the left eye and had to have four operations. I had a tumour removed and reconstructive surgery.

"I'm currently taking a career break due to the cancer and the need to look after my children Ava, aged three, and Ethan, aged seven.

"Because I am fit again after my cancer, I want to give something back to the Marie Curie hospice in Penarth which helped my father Alan Jones



ABOVE: Kellyann Jones is supporting Marie Curie to say 'thank you' for caring for her dad, Alan Jones, when he was ill with cancer.

and our family through his illness and last days.

"Without their help, I don't think we could have got through it all."

Alan, who was from Barry, died four years ago at the age of 61. He was affectionately known as 'Jaffa' to family and friends in Barry. He had worked as a docker, and later for the council.

Kellyann is due to start training soon for the trip to Costa Rica. "I am going to be hiking up five volcanoes

in six days. Two are as high as Snowdon and four of the five are still active and have erupted recently!

"I am also no hiker. My only experience is going up Pen y Fan with friends on one occasion!"

Kellyann has already got some collection dates lined up at Tesco stores.

If you would like to support Kellyann by making a donation, go online to:

Justgiving.com/Kellyannjones.

Schoolboy gets the VIP treatment from St John

A CHANCE conversation with a Bridgend town councillor, Freya Sykes, brought a 'wish come true' for a Bridgend boy recently.

Coun Sykes contacted Pencoeed Bridgend division of St John Cymru Wales, after she was told that Harry Reville had a keen interest in ambulances. To ensure that Harry got a good look round an ambulance division made arrangements for him and his mum, Sally, to have an exclusive visit to St John's patient transport service in Newport.

Harry had the opportunity to look round a number of the front line ambulances used by St John Cymru Wales, and to look at the life-saving equipment they carry. He was also provided with an overview of the rapid response 4x4 vehicle used by the organisation.

A spokesperson for Pencoeed Bridgend Division said: "It was great to be able to show Harry and his mum around the front line ambulances used by St John Cymru Wales. We are particularly grateful to Tim Williamson of our patient transport service, who helped explain their use."



Harry Reville is shown by Tim Williamson around a front line ambulance with his mum acting as a patient.



RETIRING MAYOR SAYS THANK YOU

IT has been an honour and pleasure to have served our town of Maesteg as Mayor and Mayoress over the past year.

We take this opportunity to give grateful thanks and appreciation to all those who give so much of their time, voluntarily, to share their cultural, musical, artistic and sporting talents within our Llynfi Valley – to our much gifted choirs, opera and drama societies; dance troupes; to our committed sporting clubs

who nurture our young people and keep a variety of sporting activities alive in the Valley; to youth workers and supporters; to the charities of the Valley, who raise much needed funds for so many needed causes.

Sincere thanks to all who have made our year such a memorable one. We are so proud to be residents of the Llynfi Valley.

I wish our newly-appointed Mayor, Coun M Harpur, and his consort an equally successful year. Linda and Philip Jenkins, Maesteg.

READERS' LETTERS

Afon y Felin celebrates with a tournament!

IT is wonderful to read Madeleine Moon's tweet: "Congratulations to staff, pupils and parents of Afon y Felin for a great inspection report; teamwork shining through".

As a result of the follow-up inspection in May, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales is removing the school from the list of schools requiring significant improvement.

Everybody has worked very hard to achieve this status, including the children.

We are very fortunate that Ms Williams has agreed to stay on to continue our growth and

improvement as a school. The full report is available to read on Estyn's website.

Thanks must go to the PFA, who raised enough money to send the whole school to Folly Farm.

All the children and staff enjoyed themselves immensely. The PFA also raised £128 from their recent cake sale, and the summer fayre is planned for July 4.

There will be many attractions, and a car boot sale on the field, so please come and support them if you can!

The PSCOs played football against our school team, as part of their summer tournament.

The result was a draw: well done to our team!

AJ Pritchard (parent governor).

'Think of poor dogs in hot weather'

I CANNOT understand why, on hot, sunny days, some people insist on taking their dogs with them shopping and then leave them in the car, while they go around the supermarket.

"We are responsible dog owners," I was told when I spotted this at midday with the temperature at 20°C in Barry ASDA car park.

"We've left the windows open". Yes, the windows were open for two or three centimetres (about one inch in old money).

Well, OK; next time

there are similar weather conditions try this: Put on a nice warm coat (or a onesie, maybe) and sit in your car with the windows open a couple of centimetres.

(Remember, the car is not moving, so there won't be any sort of breeze).

See how long you last...

Oh, the relief to remove the coat or onesie, open the windows wide, or just get out of the car.

The thing is, YOU can do that, but your poor pet cannot!

Responsible dog owners? Well, the jury is still out on that one.

Helen McGill,

Comments are harmful to Cardiff Airport and...

'What about a post office?'

IRRESPECTIVE of the accuracy or otherwise of the Welsh Conservatives' leader Mr Andrew RT Davies' assertions regarding Cardiff Airport, his repeated denigration of the airport at Rhosneigod no doubt discourages some potential users and, therefore, harms the chances of success of the airport.

A more positive action by Mr Davies would be to lend his support to Alun Cairns MP in the latter's seemingly futile attempts at getting a post office re-opened in Cowbridge. Mr Cairns' early comments/promises on this matter were

very upbeat, but now appear to have tailed off, particularly since his re-election to Parliament, presumably due to more urgent matters in London.

Perhaps a brief respite from the continual, boring attack on each other by political parties, and adopting a combined approach by our local representatives Messrs Davies, Cairns and Ms Jane Hutt AM might prove more successful in re-opening the much-missed post office in Cowbridge. Bryan Owen, Cowbridge.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 PART 4: MARINE LICENSING APPLICATION FOR A MARINE LICENCE TO REPAIR THE EXISTING SLIPWAY AT DUNRAVEN BAY

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Part 4, Chapter 1, Section 68 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 that Vale of Glamorgan Council has applied to Natural Resources Wales, acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority, for a marine licence to repair the existing slipway at Dunraven Bay.

The application and plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Creative Rural Communities, Old Hall, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan, CF71 7AH.

Representations or objections in respect of the application should be made in writing to: Marine Licensing Team, Cardiff Permitting Centre, Natural Resources Wales, 29 Newport Road, Cambria House, Cardiff, CF24 0TP, or e-mail marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Representations or objections should be made within 28 days of the date of this notice, quoting reference: CRML1514

In your representation/objection please include an address to which correspondence may be sent.

Natural Resources Wales, acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority, will pass to the applicant a copy of any representation or objection received.



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Community spirit is on display during Pyle and Kenfig Hill's fun Festival Week

PYLE AND Kenfig Hill Festival Week culminated in a superb fun day, and it was estimated that at its peak, there were over 2,000 people on the field.

With 130 classic cars, 30 community stands, mini rugby tournament, arena events; everyone had a great day.

The festival week and the fun day were sponsored by Pyle Community Council. The week finished with a community thanksgiving service in St Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill, where Fr Jonathan Durley, in his address, praised all those involved in the festival week for their work in creating a better community. HP



Representatives from Cwrt Anghorfa.



The South Cymru Sapphires Jazz Band.



The Festival Queen, Patricia Davies.



ABOVE:
A group enjoying the bouncy castle.

LEFT:
Members of Pisgah Chapel Ladies.

BELOW:
The mini rugby Plate winners.



ABOVE:
The winner of the classic car competition.



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GŴYL FACH Y FRO 2015

11.07.15 • Promenâd Ynys y Barri • 11.30am-7pm

MAE Menter Bro Morgannwg yn trefnu Gŵyl Gerddoriaeth Gymraeg newydd sbon ar Ynys y Barri.

Mae hwn yn bartneriaeth rhwng y Fenter, Cyngor Celfyddydau Cymru, Cyngor Bro Morgannwg a Llywodraeth Cymru, a dyma fydd y tro cyntaf i berfformiadau Gymraeg gael eu llwyfannu fel rhan o'r rhaglen ddigwyddiadau 'Penwythnosau Hwyl Ynys y Barri'.

Cynhelir yr ŵyl ar bromenâd Ynys y Barri, rhwng 11.30am—7pm, ac yn perfformio eleni bydd Al Lewis, Wonderbrass, Carwyn Ellis (prif leisydd Colorama), Kizzy Crawford a Kookamunga, yn ogystal â disgyblion o ysgolion Cymraeg y Sir.

Mae'r Cynghorydd Chris Elmore yn croesawu sefydlu y digwyddiad newydd

hwn: "Rydyn ni'n falch iawn o'n rhaglen o ddigwyddiadau haf sy'n cael eu cynnal ar Ynys y Barri; digwyddiadau poblogaidd iawn o ganlyniad i arlwy amrywiol y rhaglen sy'n cael ei gynnal drwy gydol gwyliau'r haf. Bydd y bartneriaeth newydd hwn gyda Menter Bro Morgannwg yn ehangu'r rhaglen ymhellach gan roi sylw a llwyfan i sefydliadau ac ysgolion Cymraeg lleol. Bydd Gŵyl Fach y Fro yn hybu'r defnydd o'r Gymraeg ar draws y Fro ac ar yr un pryd hyrwyddo Ynys y Barri fel lle hyfydd i ymweld ag ef."

Dyweddodd Bethan Elfyn: "Mae'r newyddion am Gŵyl Fach y Fro 2015 yn ddatblygiad cyffrous iawn i'r ardal. Mae'n wych bod cerddoriaeth Cymraeg yn cael sylw a phlatform cwbl newydd fel hyn ym Mro Morgannwg, ac fel un sy'n byw yn y Sir bellach, rydw i'n edrych ymlaen yn fawr i gael digwyddiad o'r fath ar fy stepen drws. Mae'r arlwy cerddorol yn cynnwys

rhai o artistiaid mwyaf blaengar y sîn gerddoriaeth Gymraeg, ac fe fydd eu perfformiadau'n gosod naws hyfydd i'r ŵyl unigryw hwn ar lannau Ynys y Barri."

Mae'r cwbl ar gael i'w fwynhau yn rhad ac AM DDIM—felly dewch yn llwch picnig am ddiwrnod ar y traeth!

HYTIAU TRAETH

Cofiwch bod modd i chi logi'r hytiau traeth lliwgar newydd, sydd ger ardal berfformio Gŵyl Fach y Fro, am £20(bach)/£40(mawr) y diwrnod. Mae'n rhaid eu harchebu o flaen llaw a gallwch wneud hynny drwy gysylltu ag adran C1V y Cyngor ar 01443 700111.

CYSYLLTU

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Rhannwch eich lluniau chi o'r ŵyl gan ddefnyddio **#gwylfachyfro**

Gŵyl Fach y Fro
11.07.15
Al Lewis - Wonderbrass - Carwyn Ellis
Kizzy Crawford - Kookamunga
Ysgolion Cymraeg Bro Morgannwg
Performances from the Vale's Welsh Schools
rIm Ddim! / Free!
11.30am - 7pm
Promenâd Ynys y Barri
Barry Island Promenade



Kizzy Crawford



Wonderbrass



Carwyn Ellis



Al Lewis



Kookamunga

SUT I GYRFAEDD?

O'R BONTFAEN—bysiau X2 yna 96A—yn gadael canol y dref bob tua hanner awr, a'r bws olaf yn gadael yr Ynys am 10.57pm.

O LANILLTUD FAWR—bydd angen i chi ddal dau drên, y cyntaf i orsaf y Barri, yna i Ynys y Barri—yn gadael gorsaf Llanilltud Fawr am 48 munud wedi pob awr, a'r trên uniongyrchol olaf yn gadael yr Ynys am 9.55pm.

O BENARTH—trên o orsaf Cogan i Ynys y Barri yn gadael am 14/44/59 munud wedi pob awr, a'r trên uniongyrchol olaf yn gadael yr Ynys am 10.44pm.

O GAERDYDD—trên o orsaf Canol Caerdydd i Ynys y Barri yn gadael am 10/25/55 munud wedi pob awr, a'r trên uniongyrchol olaf yn gadael yr Ynys am 10.44pm.

PARCIO - Os yn dod mewn car, mae maes parcio mawr ar Ynys y Barri sy'n costio hyd at £8 am ddiwrnod llawn (8am—11pm). Mae hefyd maes parcio am ddim (Park and Ride) ger gorsaf drenau Dociau'r Barri, a gallwch ddal trên 5 munud draw i Ynys y Barri.

AMSERLEN Y LLWYFAN

11.30am—Ysgol Pen-y-Garth

11.50am—Ysgol Gwaun y Nant

12.20pm—Wonderbrass

1.15pm—Ysgol Sant Baruc

1.35pm—Ysgol Nant Talwg

2.05pm—Carwyn Ellis (Colorama)

3pm—Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant

3.20pm—Ysgol Iolo Morganwg

3.50pm—Kizzy Crawford

5.05pm—Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg

5.35pm—Al Lewis

6.30pm—Kookamunga

Bay 5 Coffee yn cefnogi'r Gymraeg!

RYDYM yn falch iawn i greu partneriaeth newydd ag un o'r siopau coffi ar Ynys y Barri—Bay 5 Coffee—sydd wedi ymrwymo i ddathlu sefydliad Gŵyl Fach y Fro trwy godi proffil y Gymraeg yn y caffi a chodi ymrwyddiaeth o'r ffaith eu bod yn gwerthu cynnyrch Cymreig a'n gallu cynnig gwasanaeth dwyieithog i'w cwsmeriaid.

Erbyn Gorffennaf 11eg, bydd eu bwydleni a'u harwyddion i gyd yn ddwyieithog, a chynnyrch Cymreig yn rhan o'r arlwy. Yn ogystal â hyn, bydd cynigion arbennig ar gael i gynulleidfa'r ŵyl, ac mae ganddynt 4 o aelodau staff dwyieithog fydd yn gweithio a'n gallu cynnig gwasanaeth Cymraeg ar ddiwrnod yr ŵyl.

Cofiwch alw draw i Bay 5 Coffee felly i fanteisio ar y cynigion arbennig yma, a blasu eu hufen iâ, brechdannau, caccennau neu gremppogau enwog!

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Teithiau Bws Haf 2015

MAE Menter Bro Morgannwg yn trefnu cyfres o deithiau bws i wahanol ddigwyddiadau dros wyliau'r haf eleni, fydd yn gadael o Ysgol Nant Talwg, y Barri.

SIOE FRENHINOL LLANELWEDD

Dydd Iau Gorffennaf 23ain. Pris: £12 (oedolion) £5 (plant dan 12). Bydd y bws i'r Sioe Frenhinol yn gadael Ysgol Nant Talwg 7.30am, a'n gadael Maes y Sioe am 6pm.

EISTEDDFOD GENEDELAETHOL MALDWIN A'R GORORAU

Dydd Llun Awst 3ydd a Dydd Gwener Awst 7fed. Pris: £20 (bws yn unig). Bydd y bysiau i'r Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yn gadael Ysgol Nant Talwg 6.30am, a'n gadael

Maes yr Eisteddfod am 6pm.

Mae'r teithiau bws yma i gyd yn ddibynnol ar niferoedd a digon o bobl yn cofrestru, felly cofiwch archebu i osgoi

cael eich siomi!

Gallwch archebu eich lle ar y teithiau bws uchod ar wefan y Fenter, neu drwy gysylltu â ffion@menterbromorgannwg.org / 02920689888.



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Llais Lleol - Eleri Siôn

YDDARLLEDWRAIG A'R gyflwynwraig Eleri Siôn sy'n ateb ein cwestiynau y tro hwn. Mae Eleri'n wyneb a llais cyfarwydd ar Radio Wales, Radio Cymru ac amryw o raglenni S4C.

Pa ardal o'r Fro ydych chi'n byw?
Rwy'n byw yn ardal Y Cnap neu'r Knap.

Beth ydy'r peth gorau am fyw yn ardal y Cnap?

Ein paradwys ni yw'r Cnap. Fel teulu rydym yn hoffi cerdded a weithie rhedeg (!) o gwmpas yr ardal. Ryn ni'n byw talfiaid carreg o'r môr a thalfiad carreg o Barc Romilly ger y llyn, felly mae da ni'r gore o ddau fyd.

Ar ddiwedd bant o'r gwaith, rwy wrth fy modd yn aros adre achos rwy'n teimlo mod i ar fy ngwylie. Dyn ni ddim yn gweld ar y funud y byddwn ni byth yn symud o'r lleoliad lle ryn ni'n byw.

Beth ydy eich diddordebau?

Rwy'n mwynhau gwyltio pob math o chwaraeon ac ers penderfynu roi gore i gyflwyno rhaglen chwaraeon BBC Radio Cymru, "Camp Lawn", rwy wedi penderfynu cael gwersi chwarae golff o fis Medi.

Rhowch 5 gair i ddisgrifio'r Fro.
Cyfeillgar; Prydferth; Gne neu Pori; Lloches; Paradwys.

Ydych chi'n edrych ymlaen at Gwpan Rygbi'r Byd fis Medi? Yn eich barn chi, beth yw gobeithion Cymru?

Rwy wir yn edrych ymlaen at y gystadleuaeth. Yn anffodus i Gymru, mae da nhw grŵp anodd gyda Awstralia a Lloegr. Bydd Lloegr adre yn Twickenham yn dilyn o her a wedyn gorffod ceisio curo Awstralia yn Twickenham yn gem ola'r grŵp.

Er bod Cymru wedi dod yn agos iawn i gwlwyf nhw, dyn nhw ddim wedi wado'r Wallabies yn y 10 gem ddiwetha. Yn diddodol ar yn diwrnod, Hydref 10fed, bydd tîm pêl-droed Cymru mas yn Bosnia, o bosib yn chwarae yn y gem dyngedfennol i sicrhau eu lle yn rowndie terfynol Ewro 2016 yn Ffrainc. All y dyddiad hwn fod yn ddyddiad hanesyddol.

Cymru yn curo Awstralia a thîm pêl-droed Cymru yn ennill eu lle yn eu pencampwriaeth cynta ers 1958. WOW!

Beth yw eich uchelgais am y dydd mlynedd nesaf?
Rwy wir yn gobeithio bydd bywyd yn parhau fel y mae e ar y funud. Ryn



ni fel teulu yn hapus yn y Barri.

O ran gwaith, parhau i gyflwyno'n rhaglen ddyddiol ar BBC Radio Wales bob prynhawn Llun-lau rhwng 1pm-4pm. (plyg bach!)

Mae ngŵr yn hyfforddwr pêl-droed gyda'r tîmau dan 17, 19 a 21 Cymru ac mae e wrth ei fod yn ôl yng Nghymru ar ôl treulio cyfnodau yn yr Amwythig a Watford. Un uchelgais fawr creu mwy o amser yn ein bywydau prysur i deithio mwy - fawr hynny yn gret.

Gyda'ch profiad helaeth yn cyflwyno rhaglenni radio a theledu, mae'n siwr eich bod wedi cwrdd â nifer o bobl enwog a chymeriadau diddorol dros y blynyddoedd. Pa gyfweiliad sy'n aros fwyaf yn y cof?

Rwy wedi bod yn ffodus iawn o gael y cyfle i gyfweilio a nifer o enwogion fel rhan o'n rhaglen ar BBC Radio Wales. Mae wir yn anodd cofio pawb... Pobl fel Barry Manilow, Roger Moore, Annie Lennox, Sarah Millican, Graham Norton, Kit Harrington (Game of Thrones) i enwi ond rhai.

Dwy nath greu argarf araf achos ro'n nhw MOR normal! Merched a'u traed ar y ddaear, oedd Shaheen Spitteri, prif leisydd Texas, a Paloma Faith. Dim ffys ac yn lyfni. Ond ges i gyfle i gynnal sgwrs da Paul Young, fy "childhood crush". Ga'th breuddwyd ei wireddu y prynhawn hwnnw!

Gyda pwy fawr eich hoffi cael pryd o fwyd?

Unrhywun sy'n fodlon talu! Ond os dewis un enw - Ricky Gervais.

Pwy ydych chi'n eu hedmygu?

Pobl sy'n ddeur, yn gryf ac yn onest.

Beth yw eich gwyliau delfrydol?

Ryn ni'n gwersylla pob gwylie haf felly fyddde gwesty 5 seren ar Ynys bellennig fel y Maldive's yn siwtio'n iawn.

Le yw eich hoff dafarn neu fwty yn y Fro?

Y Galeri ar Broad Street yn y Barri.

Mynd am Dro yn y Fro... i Llandochau Fach

gan David Wyn

MAE tymor y gwyliau ar ein pennau - gan gynnwys Gŵyl Fach y Fro yn Y Barri wrth gwr - mae'n weddol amserol felly i sôn am gysylltiad agos sydd rhwng Glastonbury a fy mhentref i, sef Llandochau Fach.

Roedd yr Abbott Cyngar sef Dochdwy (neu Dochan, Docheu a Docunni hefyd yn ôl Alan Thorne yn ei lyfr *Place Names of Penarth* 1997) wedi croesi'r Môr Hafren ar ei daith o Glastonbury i lano ger "mynydd mawr". Llywernog - ble saif clogwyni Penarth heddiw efallai - ac yna ar hyd yr Afon Elai (sydd eisoes wedi ennill ei blwyf yn y golofn hon) cyn dringo naill ai Ffordd y Pil neu Fryn Llandochau i gyrraedd man a oedd yn ei blesio yn fawr o ran golygfa - "a pleasant prospect indeed" ble sylfaenodd felly ei fynachdy.

Dyna ble cawn ni'r enw Llan - (sef eglwys neu blwyf wrth gwr) - Dochan. Ac mae'r olygfa dros Gaerdydd yr un mor gosgeiddig ag oedd y "prospect" bryd hynny mae'n siwr.

Hyd heddiw, ceir Ffordd Dochdwy ym mhentref Llandochau Fach yn ogystal ag un o ysbtyai fwyaf pwysig De Cymru; un ag arbenigirwdd yn nhrin cleifion sydd wedi eu gwenwyno yn ogystal â iechyd meddwl yn fwyaf arbennig, ond sydd erbyn hyn yn ymddelio gyda phob math o anhawsterau gan gynnwys fy anaf peldroed a daeth â diwedd i fy ngyrfa i dim

ymyrryd.

Yn feddyliol, mae'r gallu gyda chi i ganolbwyntio'n ddwys ar unrhyw bwn. ac mae gyda chi ddechymyg byw iawn a chof aruthrol.

Rydych chi'n hoffi casglu pethau, yn ymddiddori mewn hanes ac yn gwirioni ar anifeiliaid anwes yn enwedig cathod.

A phan bydd pethau'n mynd yn ddech na chi mae angen lle tawel amoch chi i encilio iddo.

Ond i'r gwrthwynebydd rydych chi'n dal dig ac yn pwtu'n hawdd, a bydd unrhyw feiniadaeth yn eich brifo'n ddwfn.

Ar ydych chi'n i'w ofnadwy am boeni a beco am unrhyw beth!

Canseriaid enwog - Hywel Gwynfryn, Huw Ceredig, Helen Mary Jones, Katherine Jenkins, Alwyn Samuel, Sian Lloyd (y tywydd).

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Hwyl a Llwyddiant yn ystod Wythnos Addysg i Oedolion



ROEDD Rhwydwaith Dysgu'r Fro yn brysuriawn yn ystod Wythnos Addysg i Oedolion eleni gyda nifer fawr o weithgareddau drwy gydol y cyfnod.

Trefnwyd gweithdai drwy'r wythnos i wella sgiliau pobl ac i'w helpu i hybu hyder i ffeindio gwaith.

Ar nos Iau 18 Mehefin cynhaliwyd Seremoni Wobrwy yng Ngholeg Caerdydd a'r Fro i ddathlu'r rheiny a gafodd eu henwebu ar gyfer Gwobrau Ysbyrdoli Cenedlaethol Addysg i Oedolion NIACE Dysgu Cymru.

Ymysg yr enillwyr oedd Michaela Richardson, un o ddysgwyr Canolfan Cymraeg i Oedolion Caerdydd a'r Fro. Enillodd y wobwr ar gyfer Dysgwyr Cymraeg ac hefyd enillwyd y wobwr ar gyfer y Tiwtor gorau gan Sarian Thomas, sef tiwtor Cymraeg arbennig sy'n weithgar iawn yn y Fro.

Parhaodd yr hwyl ar ddydd Gwener 19 Mehefin - Daeth llawer o rieni, plant a dysgwyr i fwynhau paned a chacen am ddim, celf a chrefft, cyrsiau blasu, ac ymweliadau gan Peppa Pinc a Sam Tân yn y diwrnod Cymraeg dros banded yn yr Hen

Neuadd, y Bontfaen.

Iorffenn yn wythnos daeth nifer o'r partneriaid at ei gilydd ar Ynys y Barri i godi ymwbyddiaeth am gyrsiau i oedolion yn y Fro.

Cynhaliwyd sesiynau blasu Cymraeg gan Ganolfan Cymraeg i Oedolion Caerdydd a'r Fro, sesiwn Tai Chi gan Fforwm 50+, Sesiwn Gelf a Chrefft gan Cynfor y Fro a llawer o ffrifis gan Goleg Caerdydd a'r Fro.

Roedd y diwrnod yn llwyddiant mawr i nifer fawr o bobl yn dangos diddordeb mewn pob math o gyrsiau ac yn mwynhau'r arddangosfa hanesyddol o'r Barri a grewyd gan Llyfrgell y Barri.

Dwedodd Gwenllian Willis, Swyddog Marchnata Canolfan Cymraeg i Oedolion Caerdydd a'r Fro: Roedd e wir yn bleser i weithio â nifer fawr o'r partneriaid trwy gydol yr wythnos bwysig hon ac roedd yn gret i weld cymaint o diddordeb!

Wythnos llwyddiant iawn i bawb, felly! Os hoffech chi glywed rhagor am gyrsiau sydd ar gael i chi yn y Fro, ewch i www.learnwelsh.co.uk ar gyfer cyrsiau Cymraeg i oedolion ac i <http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk> ar gyfer cyrsiau eraill i oedolion.

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ANGHARAD

RYDYM ni bobl y Fro yn cael ein sbwylio'n llwyr y pythefnos nesa 'ma. Wedi'r cwbl pa le bynnag run ni'n byw yn y Fro ni'n ddigon agos i Gaerdydd ac os oes unrhyw wyl sy'n werth ymweld â hi - Tafwyl yw honno.

Ac eleni, wythnos ar ôl Tafwyl fe fydd Gŵyl Fach y Fro hefyd yn dod â holl fwrwm ac egni Cymreictod yr ardal i'r cabanau bach pren llwgar ar Ynys y Barri.

Tafwyl i ddechrau. Gŵyl fechan yn nhafarn y Mochyn Du dyfodd i fod yn un o brif wyliau'r brifddinas yng ngerddi castell Caerdydd, ac eleni, am ddeuddydd cyfan.

Gyda stondinau amrywiol yn gwerthu pob math o nwyddau diddorol; rhai o grwpiau



hynafol - heb dalu 'run geiniog.

Ac os ydych chi, neu'r plant yn hoff o chwaraeon bydd cwpan rygbi'r byd yn cael ei arddangos yno dydd Sadwrn, a dydd Sul - wel - bydd rhai o dim criced Lloegr yn paratoi at gem yr Ashes wrth fynd i Tafwyl i ddysgu bach o Gymraeg!

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Ar ôl yr holl gyffro, ymhen wythnos bydd gŵyl arall wicp - Gŵyl Fach y Fro ar Ynys y Barri. Unwaith eto, ni fydd angen yr un ddim goch i fwynhau artistiaid fel Carwyn Ellis, Kizzy Crawford ac Al Lewis.

Diwrnod cyfan o hwyl dan haul yr haf.

Gŵyl Fach y Fro a Tafwyl, dwy wyl wych sy'n ffenest wicp anyhogo i hyrwyddu Cymru a Chymreictod. Ydi, mae'n gyfnod euraidd i fyw yn y Fro!

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NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

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WI birthday BRYNCETHIN WI president, Debi Thomas, gave a warm welcome to all attending the recent meeting.

Secretary Jen Davies read the minutes of the previous meeting and birthday cards were given to members Debi Thomas and Audrey Letton, who were celebrating birthdays in June. The Glamorgan Federation and Bryncethin WI newsletters were handed out and the Bryncethin WI first birthday party commenced!

All members received a birthday badge as a gift, and there was a buffet supplied by members and music supplied by 'Classic Sounds Disco'.

Bryncethin WI meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6.45pm - 9pm in Bryncethin Memorial Hall. The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 16 when the speaker will be former BBC newsreader Jayne James.

Laleston WI MEMBERS and three guests were welcomed to the meeting on June 4 by president Margaret Aylen at Laleston Gardening Club.

The meeting commenced with entertainment from the Catwg Bell Ringers and their excellent comper. With holidays in mind, a musical journey from the UK through Europe ended in the USA, with

members enjoying a sing-a-long. A vote of thanks was given by Ann Rees.

Business matters were discussed with details finalised for various events.

Members enjoyed joining Mynydd Cynffig WI for their banner dedication service and tea on June 10 and supported Laleston Church Fete on June 20 with their usual WI stall.

Members are very grateful to Laleston Community Council for supporting the WI request for financial help to have the WI millennium sundial on the green repaired and restored; we look forward to seeing it returned to its original condition.

Margaret Aylen and Barbara Rees gave a report on their day at the WI centenary garden party at Buckingham Palace on June 2.

Call Margaret on 01656 660384 for further information.

Musical THE Cefn Cribwr Primary School drama club are performing Annie Kids (The Musical), at the Community Hall known as the Green Hall, Cefn Road, CF32 0AW this month.

There will be two performances, the first on July 14 at 6.30 pm; the second July 15 at 2 pm. Tickets are £3, available from Cefn school on 01656 740293.

'Airport is a shambles'

I FLEW into Cardiff Airport yesterday (June 27) and our flight landed exactly on time at 7.25pm; having walked at least 500 metres, we joined the queue at passport control.

Then 45 minutes after landing, we reached the baggage reclaim - our suitcase still hadn't arrived!

Cardiff Airport is a shambles (I know it is still being upgraded). Senior citizens or passengers with walking difficulties should not have to walk this distance, including two flights of stairs.

The First Minister said recently that the airport is going from strength-to-strength.

When did he last use the airport?

The managing director is overseeing a business bought by public money that is losing passengers and in decline. If it were not for local employment needs, I would never fly from Rhosneigwl. Go and look at Bristol, an airport thriving on your failures.

I have asked The GEM to publish my name because I feel we are being conned into supporting this shambolic airport and more people need to raise their voices to get a much-needed improvement very quickly.

Malcolm Cole, Llantwit Major.

Barbecue Y CEFN Gwyrd's annual summer barbecue at Cefn Junction signal box will take place on Saturday, July 11 from 6.30pm. Come with your family and enjoy an evening in a unique atmosphere at the Cwsc.

Treorchy eisteddfod Congratulations to the following youngsters who competed in the finals of the competition at Parc Hall Theatre, Cwmparc on June 14.

Keira Hill (10) in the junior vocal category, sang Andrew Lloyd Webber's song 'Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again' from *Phantom of the Opera*, chosen in memory of her pet dog which had passed away the week before.

Rhian Hughes in the senior vocal category sang 'The Laughing Song' from *Die Fledermaus*, she is also an accomplished musician on saxophone, clarinet and piano.

Benjamin Lock (pianist) in the junior instrumental category played Mozart's 'Fantasia in D minor'. Not only is Benjamin a wonderful pianist but is a member of the Welsh gymnastics team.

I am pleased to say that all three contestants represented Bridgend beautifully, with Benjamin and Rhian being worthy winners of their categories.

I cannot praise enough all the contestants who took part in this competition they were all outstanding, I am glad I wasn't an adjudicator!

I do wonder with the cutback in grants for musical education in the schools and youth organisations, whether we will hear such outstanding talent in competitions in the future.

Mynydd Cynffig WI JUNE 9 saw the WI holding their monthly meeting at The Talbot Centre, Kenfig Hill.

There was a good turnout of members. The meeting was chaired by president Mrs Marjorie Goode, and the minutes read by secretary Mrs Enid Rymer.

Details of forthcoming events were brought to the attention of members, organised by the Glamorgan Federation



Ladies enjoying the party.

of Women's Institutes, who are all looking forward to the centenary garden party in Margam Orangery. Then there is a quiz in the High Tide Porthcawl and an evening with Mark Evans in the Pavilion Porthcawl.

Members are also looking forward to the annual trip in August to Hereford, hoping for fine weather that day!

The talk on Dr William Price given by Mr Dean Powell was interesting and informative.

At the next meeting on Tuesday, July 14 at 2.30pm in the Talbot Centre, the talk will be on Patagonia by Mr John Pearman.

On June 10, Mynydd Cynffig WI held the dedication of their new WI banner in St. Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill.

Glamorgan Federation link members from Laleston, Pen-y-Fai and friends from Glyn Hir WI attended the ceremony conducted by Father Jonathan - who gave a short talk on the virtues of the WI.

Afterwards everyone enjoyed a strawberry tea, president Marjorie Goode gave a vote of thanks to all who attended, with special thanks to secretary Mrs Enid Rymer, who had assembled the new banner.

Bryncethin WI AT Bryncethin Memorial Hall, located on the A4061, opposite Bryncethin primary school, Bryncethin WI will be hosting a summer fete on Saturday, July 18 from 12pm - 3pm. Stallholders are still required for this event at £7 per table; for further information email: Bryncethin.wi@gmail.com or telephone Jen on: 07938 746890.

Aberkenfig & District WI EUNICE Williams, president, opened the 34th birthday meeting where apologies for absence were received from Alyson Thomas and Eileen Evans.

Margaret Crocker and Dorothy Kingston were welcomed back from illness; also welcomed were new member Dee Melton and visitor Cynthia.

Happy Birthday was sung to Pauline Soley, Pearl Major, Mair Starr and Hilary Crocombe. The Margam garden party is on July 8 which is our meeting day - so the next meeting will be on July 15.

The newsletter was perused and some items included the exhibition at the Swansea Museum 'It's not all Jam and Jerusalem' until July 5 and the Scrabble competition on November 7 in St David's Church Hall, Pencoe.

The arrangements for the garden party in Margam have finally been agreed. The bus will leave the Lyric at 11.45am; lunch has been booked in Greenacres, then on to Margam Orangery by 2pm.

The next meeting is on July 15 in the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig when the speaker will be Joyce James, whose subject will be Agatha Christie. The competition will be for 'the prettiest hankie'. There will be no WI meeting in August.

Further details of Aberkenfig and District WI can be obtained from Dilys on 01656 725399 or by visiting www.Cobwebs.co.uk.

Choir schedule

JULY is one of the quieter months for Bridgend male choir's engagements, but it does allow for practice.

Among items being rehearsed is the stirring Russian 'Cavalry of the Steppes'; from *Camelot*, 'How to Handle a Woman'; *Jekyll & Hyde*'s 'This is The Moment' and a song associated with the great Matt Monro, 'Softly, As I Leave You'.

Focus on a new CD planned for later this year and a massed concert to which Bridgend Male Choir has been invited, at Birmingham Town Hall in 2016 to celebrate premier choir Canoldir's 40th birthday. Joining Bridgend will be the choristers from the Fron, Pontarddulais, and Cardiff Arms Park.

There will also be two further Rugby World Cup 2015

tournament engagements: an 'eve of World Cup' Q & A and singing engagement for the Shine Cymru charity at Cardiff will be followed by a visit to Leicester Tigers RUFC, where Bridgend Male Choir will entertain the members when England face Wales at Twickenham.

The choir rehearses at Oldcastle Junior School, South Street, Bridgend on Thursday evenings (7.30pm - 9.30pm) and new members are most welcome.

Swim gala

AT Tynyrrheol primary school, Llangeinor 'Kindness' was the value for this week and certificates have been presented to pupils who best displayed this. This week's winners are:

Class 1 - Grace Pascoe, for helping staff and pupils in the class. Class 2 - Megan Graham, for being helpful to children in physical education. Class 3 - Madison Parry, for being kind to others and helping with cards.

The following contestants represented the school at the recent swimming gala in Ynysawdre baths:

Year-3/4 relay squad - Zoe Baird, Darcey Bater, Logan Cinderby, McKenzie Dowling, Lloyd Graham, Gethin Lewis, Jak Lewis, Paige Penny, Roman Pook, Dylan Sage and Eloise Whitefield won the 10-metre multi skills relay. In the 25-metre multi skills relay they were fourth.

In the 25-metre individual races, the front crawl for girls, McKenzie Dowling was fifth. Front crawl for boys, Logan Cinderby was third; back stroke for boys, Logan Cinderby fifth; breast stroke for girls, Zoe Baird fifth; breast stroke for boys, Lloyd Graham second; butterfly for girls, Zoe Baird third; butterfly for boys, Lloyd Graham second.

Overall the year-3/4 relay team had second place

Year-5/6 relay squad of Harry Hopwood, Millie Loosmore, Jamie McCann, Madison Parry, Noah Pook,



The birthday cake.



Lady cutting cake is Audrey Letton, her name was drawn from the hat.

Thomas Sage, Ellie Street, Gethyn Thomas and Tyler Williams were fourth in alternating relay. Continuous relay fifth place, t-shirt relay fifth place, multi skills relay sixth place.

In the 50-metre individual races, front crawl girls: Madison Parry sixth; front crawl boys, Thomas Sage fifth; back stroke girls, Ellie Street fifth; back stroke boys, Tyler Williams third; breast stroke girls, Ellie Street sixth; breast stroke boys, Tyler Williams fifth; butterfly girls, Madison Parry fifth; butterfly boys, Thomas Sage third.

Overall, year-5/6 relay team score took fifth place and overall the school swim squad placement was fourth.

Sarn sale

FRIENDS OF Tynycoed Surgery, Sarn will hold a table top sale in the surgery car park on Saturday, July 4 from 10am to 12 noon, to help raise further funds towards the purchase of essential equipment.

Tables, £5, can be booked on 07855 549550.

Tondu primary school

THE school will be holding its citizenship award ceremony at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen on July 13 at 2pm.

The informal helping hands group, which helps prepare resources for the pupils, now meets every Tuesday from 9.15am until 11.30am at the Meadow

Street site.

All carers and their children under three years of age are invited to attend the Tondudodders group at the Heol Persondy site every Wednesday from 9.30am to 10.30 am.

Annual Garden Party CLIVE and Lydia Davies invite the public to the party held every year to raise money for local charities.

Held at Factory House, Blackmill, it will be on Tuesday, July 7 from 1pm to 5pm in the grounds alongside the river Ogmore. There will be a special sale of nearly new wedding attire.

They have thanked Ogmores Valley Ladies' Society, who each year assist in the preparation and selling of items.

Money raised this year is to be donated to St Tyfodwg's church, Glynogwr and the Nantymoel animal welfare group.

Curtain Up!

THE Curtain Up song and dance group are presenting *Broadvision 2015*, a celebration from the last 15 years of songs from Eurovision and Broadway musical medleys on Thursday, July 16 at 7pm in St Michael's and All Saints' Church, Maesteg. Tickets £5 from members, or at the door.

Coytrahen Fun Day will be held on Saturday, July 18 at the community hall, starting at 12pm. There will be events suitable for all age groups.

Brynhill men's golf results

JUNE 7, Four man waltz - winners: Dave Slee, Mike Knight, Mat Llundrigan, Bradley Dodd 115 points.

June 14, Dave Bruce Cup - winner Dave Morris 69 nett, runner-up Aeron Smith 70 nett.

June 20/21, club championship qualifiers, Howell Hughes Cup and Chief Buck Rabbit; these qualifiers are run over two days and then proceed to a knockout format.

June 28, Tennessee Cup (gross comp) - winner Scott Warne (best gross 74). June 28, Bob Hope Trophy (nett comp) - winner Doug Griggs nett 66, runner-up Steve Gould nett 68 on countback.

SENIORS

League results: The seniors section have had a very successful June. June 4, Brynhill v

Caerphilly away, winners Caerphilly; June 11 Brynhill v Dinas Powys home, winners Brynhill; June 18, Brynhill v Llantrisant home, winners Brynhill with a very successful win, 5.5-2.5; June 25, Brynhill v Caerphilly home, winners Brynhill 6-2.

Club results: June 8, Tony Pateman Cup - winner Dafydd Howells 41 points, runners-up Nigel Cockram 39 points. June 22, Seniors Championship - winner John Kirkpatrick 40 points (count back), runner-up Chris White 40 points.

Men's first team results: June 18, Brynhill v Glamorganshire home, winners Brynhill; the team have qualified for the Welsh team championships. Men's second team results: June 4, Brynhill v Radyr away, winners Radyr.

JK

Mixed bowlers suffer a loss to Newbridge

ON Sunday, a mixed team of six rinks of Llantwit Major bowlers went to Newbridge, which is an annual home or away fixture.

When we arrived it was wet and miserable, but during the match the sun began to shine.

The company, as always, was wonderful and the game was played in good spirits and with much humour.

It was decided at the beginning to play 18 ends, but with the weather improving, it was changed to 21. At the halfway stage Llantwit were three rinks up and three rinks down, with the score at Llantwit 45, Newbridge 58.

By the end of the match Llantwit still had three rinks up and three rinks down but Newbridge had held on

to the lead, winning 126-102.

The rinks were: M.Horgan, K. Williams, C. Williams and C. Willmot 17-30; A.Horgan, J. Fox, J. Nixon and M. Adams 22-13; G.Fox, L. Oatley, K. Garrison and E. Gray 20-14; F. Pike, P. Pike, H.Nixon and A. Hayes 19-16; K.Johns, D. Oatley, D.John's and J. Molly 9-32; J. Ball, N.Baez, E.Nichols and R.Gray 15-21.

The winners of the diddler was Mike Adams' rink, of which he commented that the win was down to the front end of Ambrose Horgan and Joan Fox, who played really well and set them up every time.

A great time was had by all and we look forward to seeing them at Llantwit next year.

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Millwood bowls news

A good win for Millwood 'A' side after the bad loss against Llantwit Major saw a hefty 44 shot winning margin, 96-52, thereby securing the maximum 14 points that were lost in the previous game!

With the first quarter of the game played, Millwood had a six shot advantage to lead by 23-17, increasing the lead to 46-29 at the 10th end.

Putting more pressure on to the home side, the visitors, after the 15th end had been played, were leading by 25 shots at 64-39, then finishing the 21st end to win the game.

Credit must go to rink 5, skipped by Tony Williams, for the big 26 shot win, which helped a great deal, though all bowlers played their part.

Well played Millwood, but without Cadoxton bowlers there would not have been the competitive game that it was - thank you to both sides.

Millwood 'A' side are home this Saturday to

Rumney 'A', looking to keep pace with the leaders in the Division - good luck 'A' side, you can do it!

This two rink Alan Martin Cup game against Cadoxton was played after the drizzle had stopped at lunchtime, the green drying out nicely enabling both sides to enjoy this encounter.

With the first five ends played, Millwood had leapt into a 16-3 lead, which after 10 ends had increased to a 27-9 margin. Cadoxton then started to pull back on Millwood's lead, and after 15 ends the lead was 32-19, but Millwood managed to fend off the late challenge by Cadoxton to see off the 21st end to win by a margin of 13 shots, 43-30.

Millwood now advance to round two of the cup, to be played on Sunday, July 19, at home.

After the game, it was nice to socialise again with some ex-Millwood players, and wish them well for the rest of the season - thank you Cadoxton.

JH

GOLFER LANDS HOLE-IN-ONE

A Barry golfer will have no excuse for missing his next tee-time after winning a limited-edition BOSS watch for achieving a hole-in-one.

Philip Gershenson, 65, scored his ace on the 150-yard, par-three third at Brynhill GC, and the 14-handicapper was rewarded with membership of the exclusive BOSS Watches H1Club and a specially-commissioned, commemorative timepiece.

In addition to the limited-edition watch, Gershenson joins more than 7,000 members in the BOSS Watches H1Club which offers access to exclusive benefits and merchandise.

Munro win for men bowlers

LLANTWIT MAJOR mens bowlers visited Dinas Powys for their Wednesday night Munro Cup match taking 13 points in a 85-59 shot win.

Graham Jones' rink, in a pretty even game, saw the lead fluctuate throughout the match. Llantwit held a four shot advantage on the 15th end only to lose the final three ends to draw the game.

Steve Booker's rink were four shots down after three ends. After pulling back to draw level they then lost the next following three ends to again be four shots down. Llantwit then made it a close tussle with Llantwit taking four shots on the final end to win by three shots.

Charles Hiscock's rink had a great start, taking a nine shot lead after only four ends. Llantwit went behind on the 11th end only to hit back immediately, scoring seven shots. Llantwit remained ahead for the rest of the game to win by two shots.

Neville Young's rink were always on top, taking a seven shot lead after two ends. With the rink combining well Llantwit were never in danger of being overtaken, winning all but five ends in a 21 shot win.

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Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for June 29:

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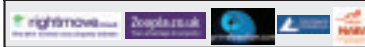
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Corner positioned, well presented, mid terraced traditional, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, enclosed rear garden, well presented. ER=D.
£109,950**FERN DRIVE, BARRY**
Modern semi-detached, 2 bedrooms, living room, enclosed rear garden, parking to front. ER=D.
£111,950**ST OSWALDS ROAD**
Mid terraced traditional, through living/dining, replacement kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden, viewing essential. ER=E.
£112,500**BASSETT STREET, BARRY**
Mid terraced traditional, through living room, ground floor bathroom, separate WC, 4 bedrooms, well presented throughout, viewing essential.
£114,950**BARRY ROAD, BARRY**
Mid terraced traditional, well presented - spacious dwelling, 2 separate reception rooms, 4 bedrooms, 1st floor replacement bathroom, UPVC DG - GCH via combi boiler, enclosed rear garden. ER=D.
£119,950**GLoucester CLOSE, BARRY**
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£294,950**COLCOT ROAD, BARRY**
Traditional semi detached, spacious living throughout, 3 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, kitchen/diner, utility, shower room, larger than average garden, driveway/garage.
£314,950

Penarth is caught up in housebuilding boom

LOCAL historian Brian Keitch continues his series on Penarth's development.

WITH the dock completed and open for business, the need for accommodation for local workers (and now sailors) meant being a stonemason was a pretty good profession.

If you were the owner of a quarry then you were almost a member of the elite. The preponderance of lias limestone in and around Penarth (and of course the rest of the Vale) – its flat characteristics – and in blocks which nature provided in this sedimentary rock – was ideal for house construction and paving stones!

In addition, the rock could be broken up into stones as hardcore for the many roadways that were going to be needed. Prior to this, local 'roads' were simply muddy unmade tracks. With limestone there was a further benefit – lime for farms, sanitary reasons and not least as a base for mortar and cement.

Quarrying on a small scale had carried on for centuries – usually for farm buildings and agricultural limekilns (an excellent example being on Ashby Road,

Sully – though kilns can be found scattered all over the Vale).

In Penarth, the stone required was right on the doorstep. There was quarrying going on below Queen's Road. There were kilns too. A horse and cart would do the job nicely, but there were tramlines as well.

At the heart of the 'new town' was an important quarry next to Belle Vue Cottage. Builders could literally fill up the stone and get cracking – building houses on the new roads nearby. Another quarry was situated in the cliff below Penarth Head. Needless to say at these locations there was little need to slog up steep tracks to the top of town.

An alternative was to collect stones from the beach, though most appeared to be in the domain of commercial quarrying.

It was not just in Penarth that quarrymen dug up stone. Leckwith had two stone quarries, and Llandough three. Later, as Penarth expanded southward – especially after the arrival of railway passenger services in 1878, limestone – which was just beneath the soil – was extracted in two large quarries at Cwrt y fil.

The Cwrt y fil quarries (not to be confused with the

cement works and associated quarries in lower Penarth) were located at what is now the 'Old Penarthians' rugby ground. Initially a smaller quarry slightly to the north – near the Cefn Mably Hotel, supplied lime with its own kiln and tramway.

By the 1880s the two merged and chief extraction of stone was for house building. A new tramway was constructed – which was much to the pleasure of the local board – "due to the large quantities of stones conveyed... thus saving the Parish Road (from much damage)".

TRAMWAY

The parish road mentioned was later called Stanwell Road. Within a few years, a whole new community emerged nearby – known as Morristown – named after builder William Morris who went on to be a major figure in local politics.

He was a major house builder in Penarth and no doubt was a prime mover in the construction of the tramway. The Cardiff Directory of 1888/9 reveals that many inhabitants of Morristown were masons, to dress the stone, excavators to dig it out and various labourers. It must have been quite a lively place – with its own pub, a

mile or so from Penarth!

It is unlikely that the Cwrt y fil tramway had the use of steam traction – there is no evidence of any shed to accommodate one. The horse almost certainly provided the motive power! The Cwrt y fil tramway seems to have faded away by the 1920s – maps show it as derelict, but for many who played cricket, hockey and rugby for Penarth Athletic Club, the field behind the grandstand was for many years known as the 'trolleyline'.

Pupils of Evenlode Primary School might be interested to know that at one time a railway ran through their school playground!

It was a similar story at Llandough. The remains of one quarry can still be made out along Cogan Pill lane (the bridge under the lane is still there). The main quarry though, was behind what is now Greenway Road. There is a fascinating photograph of the quarry in operation. Obviously posed – the photograph shows workers poised on planks with wheel barrows.

Standing to the right of the picture appears to be the supervisor or manager of the works. After all, in those days to pose for a

photographer was quite a novelty – taken by – in this case Lee Brothers of Cardiff – and printed in the commercial directory at that! There appear to be about 20 workers pictured with a horse the means of pulling the wagons.

As the quarry expanded, a small tank locomotive called *Taff* was employed to do the haulage. The works belonged to one D Thomas whose office was at 2, Old Wharf, Cardiff. The company be out that it distributed stone and lime across south Wales – 'Colliery and Iron Works, Companies, Contractors and Builders'.

With Penarth and Cardiff fast expanding communities, there was no shortage of business!

TRAGIC

There was, however, one major problem: as they quarried downwards the water table was hit – making further extraction difficult if not impossible.

It also had tragic consequences – the Belle Vue quarry in Penarth filled up with water and became an attraction for pupils at Penarth Board School opposite. One Fred Sandford almost drowned there in 1876 – but was rescued.

Not so lucky, later in the same year were

Llandough quarry.



William Richards and his little brother, who fell into the water and did not survive.

The quarry was then filled in and is now the Belle Vue Bowling green.

Likewise, Llandough quarry was also abandoned due to flooding. At its peak, the Llandough tramway went down a steep incline to meet up with the Taff Vale Railway at the Llandough Lime Works.

Nothing now remains of any of these works – other than the many rows of terraced houses and mansions which abound in Penarth (though the bridge under Leckwith Road where

the Llandough trams went is still sleeping there – buried).

The era of limestone ended as quickly as it started. All around our area is red mark and clay (ideal for firing bricks). Brick quarries were established in Cogan, Penarth, Llandough, Dinas Powys and Biglis Moors.

Easy to transport, mass-produced and no need for stonemasons to dress the rock and ideal for house building – it quickly saw the demise of the stone quarries.

Some remains of the brick quarries still scar the local countryside, but the limestone quarries vanished almost without trace, filled in

and built on.

Gone too is the Penarth Cement Works, with its 'Dragon Brand' paving stones and fleet of industrial locomotives – no longer does little steam locomotive *Doris* stop traffic on Lavernock Road – followed by three Ruston diesel locomotives.

Now we have Cosmeston housing estate – and a bit of bird watching (or bird feeding) at Cosmeston Lakes – all built around a vast hole dug out of the ground for cement.

Another even more obscure tramway system served the kilns and works at Cross Common, Dinas Powys.

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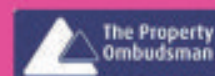


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Celebration 'tag' event sees a visit from Nigel Owens

BRIDGEND Athletic's celebration tag event held at the Bandstand Field was very well supported by youngsters, parents and coaches.

A big thank you to Wales 7s players Nick Griffiths, Lloyd Evans, Luke Morgan and Tom Habberfield for giving up their time to come and support our youngsters. They are all products of the Ath minis and juniors.

Referee Nigel Owens caused a buzz amongst the youngsters when he arrived at the club and spent time signing autographs, posing for photos and chatting to them. He also presented a plaque commemorating the 25th anniversary to mini and juniors chairman Andrew Bennett.

Later upstairs he entertained a small but enthusiastic audience with interesting tales of international and club rugby and took part in a question and answer

session on topics generated from the audience.

Before leaving he was serenaded by our friends from Bridgend Choir who continued in similar vein for a good while longer right to the end of the evening.

Chairman Mark Davies also presented club trustee and stalwart David Burt with a certificate recognising his unstinting efforts over 30 years and investing him as a life member of Bridgend Athletic RFC.

Many thanks go out to all those who contributed to the huge success of the evening – Andrew Bennett, Tony Bennett, Angela Bennett, Lynne Groom, Jannean Obbard, Phil Rees and Dave Davison and all others who contributed.

Thanks also to Jan and her team for their efforts on the evening.

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Mark Davies looks on as Nigel Owens presents mini and junior chairman Andrew Bennett with a commemorative plaque.



Nigel Owens with Bridgend Athletic youngsters.

Latest news from the Bridgend Bridge Club



THE results for recent events are:

Wednesday, June 24 - 1st Simon Richards and Tony Disley, 2nd Laura Woodruff and Mike Close, 3rd David and Norma Newman. Winners on handicap Simon Richards and Tony Disley.

Thursday, June 25 - 1st John Henson and Stuart Davies, 2nd Teresa Griffiths and Leila O'Hagan, 3rd Dilys Bowser and V Irene Thomas. Winners on handicap Teresa Griffiths and Leila O'Hagan.

Friday, June 26 - 1st Vida Halford and Glyn Williams, 2nd Dave and Debbie Lea, 3rd Irene Thomas and Jenny Vaughan. Winners on handicap Dave and Debbie Lea.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to commence

at 7pm so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle duplicate session. Master points are now awarded but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their Bridge.

Further information can be obtained by calling Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

Bridgend Bridge Club is pleased to announce that new lessons for beginners will start again in September.

The club has a proud record of successfully introducing new beginners to the game, giving many a new interest - and sometimes a passion!

There are currently many members now playing in the main club

evenings who came into bridge via the club's beginner sessions, which is a testament to the success of the lessons.

Shown in the photograph above are some of the 2014/15 graduates, with their teacher, John Evans. They all started to learn in September 2014, and are now able to enjoy their bridge, and acquit themselves very well at the bridge table.

Several of their number have already had a top on Thursday afternoon sessions - no mean feat after just a few months of playing, a credit to themselves and their teacher.

If anyone is interested in learning bridge please contact either Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans 01656 880372 or David Newman 01656 649138, for further details.

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Tornados blow through the competition!

The Tornados had a busy weekend at the Virgin Active Llandarcy and the Tennis Wales synther red cup, being held on our own turf at Bridgend lawn and tennis club.

The children got the opportunity to play at a bigger venue Saturday as they competed against the well established players of Virgin Active team at the Glamorgan racquet club.

The tornados were confident for the challenge and excited to see and play on the indoor courts.

All the boys played their hardest and some great tennis was played. We didn't win but they gained experience from the morning and had fun and met new friends along the way.

After a dash back to Bridgend LTC, we held our first synther mini red cup competition for age 8

and under; the cup is for beginner level players so everyone is welcome.

Again, some amazing tennis was played - the semi-final consisted of the two McLellan brothers facing each other to go through to the final against another Tornado, Ioan Hammond.

Ioan (8) won the red cup with Toby McLellan (7) in second place; runners-up were Joseph McLellan (8), Patricia Tadtayeva, Louis Parry (7) and new member Joshua James.

Great effort by the Garw team who played and all went away with a certificates.

For more information visit the Facebook page - Twistys Tornados - or contact head coach Steve on 07976836249.

Bridgend tennis club have a Wimbledon special offer running until July 29 for all new members - contact the club for more information.

Pencoed CC are defeated

PENCOED travelled to Blackweir on Saturday to face Welsh Asians in the league.

Pencoed won the toss and asked the Welsh Asians to bat first on a small ground where the outfield didn't seem to have been cut for weeks.

Pencoed started well and restricted the Welsh Asians with some tight bowling and some good fielding.

However slowly the Asians

picked up the pace and some lusty blows got them to 230-8 off the 40 overs, the wickets all being shared between the Pencoed bowlers, who all bowled well without much luck.

With the size of the ground this did look gettable and Pencoed got off to a slow but solid start with the openers putting on 35 despite the game being delayed for the second time when a military helicopter landed on the outfield.

Layton Williams came in and

Jack heads for South Africa to represent Wales, thanks to support

by GEM REPORTER

LLANTWIT fencer Jack Cafaro is to make a dream trip to South Africa as part of the Welsh squad thanks to the support of Vale people and businesses.

The GEM recently highlighted his fear that he might miss out on the Fencing Commonwealth Games, taking place in Cape Town from July 11 to 18, because he needed £2,600 to fund the trip.

The family began raising funds by doing bag packs at local supermarkets and, along with donations, the figure has been achieved.

His grandmother Sue, who often drives him to tournaments and training sessions, said: "We want to thank the people and businesses of the Vale for their generosity and being so supportive."

Jack's latest supporters have been Place for Homes, Mrs MJ Thomas, Coun Gwyn John, Claire and Shaun at Co-op Travel Ltd in Llantwit Major and Nando's.

In the past, Jack has won Welsh foil and épée championships at junior level, and been named the Vale's 'Junior Sportsman of the Year'.

He now competes in épée; strikes can be made against all parts of the body and are recorded electronically.

Jack, (16), who is coached by Dr Gordon Kingston and attends St Richard Gwyn High School, is facing an intensive build up to South Africa.

"Last weekend I competed in at a competition in Kidderminster on Saturday and attended a training camp in London on Sunday.

"At Kidderminster I was up against adult fencers and got through to the last 32. I had 14 fights in four hours." (If it hadn't been for 'repechage' which gives losers a second chance to make progress in the tournament, he would have made it to the last 16).

Jack went on: "On Sunday, I took part in an elite British training



Jack took part in British 'elite training' in London last Sunday.

session at the Leon Paul Fencing Centre.

"It was really intensive with some killer exercises. It was a full day and we didn't get back to St Athan until 10pm.

"I think I'm in good shape for South Africa, but I'm now looking to do some sessions at the gym in Llantwit Major to hone my skills and fitness."

Jack will continue to fundraise until he leaves for South Africa to help cover the cost of equipment and kit – three swords recently cost him almost £600.

His mother, Vivienne, and Sue will be part of a group of Welsh supporters flying from Heathrow to Cape Town along with the squad.

Sue said: "I'm writing out a 'spiel' to see if the airline crew will make an announcement that the Welsh Commonwealth fencing squad is on its way to South Africa."

The GEM will report on Jack's South African adventure later this month.

Bowlers in action

LLANTWIT MAJOR welcomed ladies of Porthcawl Prince of Wales to their green on Tuesday, everyone enjoying a relaxed game of bowls on our superb green.

Scores: E.Crouch, L.Oakley, M.Lewis and D.Hurley 13-18; M.Gomaa, P.Pike, M.Horgan, B.Lewis 15-15; K.Johnes, N.Baelz, J.Molloy and E.Nicholls 20-15.

Eryl's rink level on the 10th end gradually pulled away to win by five shots. Barbara's rink trailed until the 16th end when a four allowed them the chance to force a draw. Dilys' rink, while level on the 11th were not a match for the excellent play of the opposition losing by a short margin.

We were again host on Thursday to Cowbridge. On arrival they complimented us on the green and were looking forward to the challenge of playing on grass. Cowbridge's green being carpet.

Adjusting quickly to the different surface Cowbridge gave us a tough game - we managed to win on two rinks with the third, while playing well, overtaken on the fifth, and Cowbridge did not look back.

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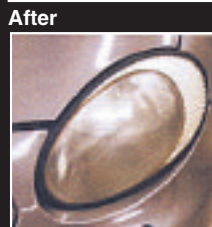
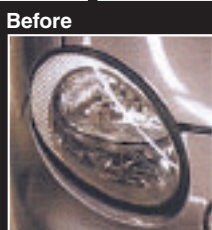
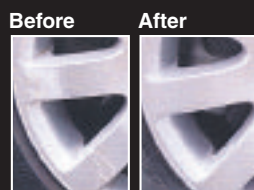
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over *Royal Mail*, the horse on whom he was to win the 1937 Grand National.

Evan's second Cheltenham Gold Cup win came in 1940 when he scored an easy 10 lengths win on *Roman Hackle* who, like *Golden Miller*, was owned by Miss Dorothy Paget and trained by Owen Anthony.

The 1937 Grand National was celebrated as the centenary of the great race by the Liverpool Racecourse Executive. The fact that a Welshman – North Walian Henry Potts – had won the first was not picked up by the racing scribes when Evan won on Hugh Lloyd Thomas' *Royal Mail*.

Sadly, Mr Lloyd-Thomas, a former assistant secretary to the Prince of Wales, was later killed in a fall at Derby racecourse the following year.

A keen amateur rider himself, he had planned to ride *Royal Mail* in the 1938 Aintree spectacular.

Royal Mail, who was trained by Ivor Anthony, took up the running a long way from home and in the capable hands of his rider, stayed on stoutly to beat *Cooleen* by three lengths.

Twenty-four-year-old Evan had taken the lead much sooner than he wanted in order to keep clear of some loose horses. In fact, on the second circuit, he had nearly been brought down by one of them.

But by racing ahead he left them to trouble his pursuers and this wise move won him the race.

When asked by the press what he thought about his success he replied: "What can I say? I have won the Grand National, and I am naturally delighted. Give the credit to the horse."

"He jumped perfectly and cleverly. He made one or two mistakes, but they were not entirely his fault. When I took up the running in the country the second time, some loose horses interfered with *Royal Mail* and it was not long before we could shake them off. After that everything went smoothly."

At the end of the war, Evan took out a trainer's licence and trained on the flat at Kingsclere.

His most notable success was *Supreme Court* which won, among other races, the King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Festival of Britain King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot.

He retired to Ireland and died in 2001, aged 89.

Next time we take a look at the legendary *Fulke Walwyn* who, contrary to most racing biographies, was born in Wrexham and not Monmouthshire.

BRIAN LEE

Excellent form continues for the Romilly bowlers

ROMILLY Bowls Club are enjoying one of their most successful start to a bowls season with just one loss in all league matches played which was a midweek Munro Cup game.

Both the club and 'A' CML sides are unbeaten in their league games so far this season with the club side four from four and the 'A' side five from five.

Last Saturday, Romilly club side were up against one of the strongest teams in their league and playing away from home was going to be a severe test which could have a serious say in this season's league results.

The Romilly club side travelled to Gilfach Bargoed last Saturday confident, but also knowing that over the years a win in Gilfach would be a rare thing, and although they haven't had their customary start, losing two of their opening three games, the 'Rom' knew that they had to be at there best to get a result.

In the opening ends of the game Romilly went into a useful lead with the rinks of Graham Cogbill, Jeff Wright and Brian Foscolo all ahead, with only Fred Phillips' rink behind, leaving the 'Rom' ahead by five shots at the end fifth end, 25-20.

Foscolo's rink of Gwynne Rees, Roger Jones and Mel Newman

were bowling exceptionally well on a nicely paced but tricky green taking the initiative and putting pressure onto their opponents, who were struggling on their own green, leaving the Romilly rink to go further ahead by the 10th end, leading by 13 shots.

Another rink playing brilliantly was Gary Eastman, Ray Hewitson, Mike Doyle and Cogbill, who were well ahead 17-4 at the same stage and Wright's rink of Paul Williams, Rhodri Phillips, and George Trepleton were holding a two shot lead up against a good Gilfach four skipped by the experienced Brian Harris.

Unfortunately, Phillips' rink had fallen behind by 12 shots, 5-17, with Gilfach skip Paul Mullins capitalising on the inconsistency of the Romilly four but the overall score was still in favour of the visitors, 49-35.

Although Romilly were 14 ahead they knew that Gilfach would fight all the way, and between the 11th to the 15th ends the home side began to pressurise the Romilly rinks, reducing the deficit to eight shots.

The concern for the 'Rom' was that although Cogbill and Foscolo's rinks were still holding healthy advantages, Jeff Wright's rink dropped seven shots to fall behind, while Phillips' rink was still under the cosh and were well

down, 8-23.

Going into the last six ends it was a question as to whether the 'Rom' could handle the continued pressure. Well the answer was positive, as firstly Foscolo's rink maintained their form winning by a comfortable 15 shots, while Cogbill's rink began to leak shots; after being 14 shots ahead at the start of the 16th end they managed to hold their nerve and win by four.

Wright's rink fell behind by seven and were in danger of falling further behind but they managed to play some excellent bowls to keep the overall score in the balance.

It was now left to the rink of Phillips to recover from their situation to ensure a Romilly win overall - it looked unlikely but the true fighting qualities came to the fore over the last six ends with Phil Gershenson, Terry Bloomfield and Clive Collins giving great support to their skip, scoring 11 shots without reply, and although still losing by just four shots 19-23, they ensured a Romilly victory by eight shots, 87-79.

With two rinks up and two down, Romilly took 10 points to Gilfach's four maintaining the 'Rom's' status at the top of the CML first division.

Romilly 'A' team welcomed Rhoeose to Romilly Park last Saturday looking to

extend their unbeaten run.

From the off the 'Rom' rinks took control and by the fifth end had an advantage of 23 shots with all rinks ahead.

Over the next five ends the 'Rom' continued to play well but only picked up a further three shots mainly due to visiting skips Paul Williams and Ron Ball clawing back their initial deficits against the Romilly rinks skipped by Alun Bryan and Howard Jones.

At the beginning of the 11th end Romilly were ahead by 26 shots and playing with confidence which showed as they went further ahead by 36 shots by the end of the 15th, with all rinks ahead, especially that of skip Tony Freeman, who along with Colin Davies, Mike Gronow and Bob Wyatt, are in fine form this season and were ahead by 21-7.

The game was all but over going into the final six ends but Romilly players continued to play well and extended their lead with all rinks pulling away from their opposition, and by the end of the game had won by 63 shots, 112-49, with Romilly taking the full 14 points on offer to maintain their lead at the top of the table.

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Rugby's Dan and Ian attend the Paragames



Ian Gough and Dan Biggar pictured with athletes at the Vale School Paragames

TWO Welsh rugby internationals took time out of their World Cup preparations to attend the Vale School Paragames which was held at Cardiff International Sports Stadium on Thursday, June 11.

Dan Biggar and Ian Gough were on hand to present medals to the winning pupils who competed, as well as encouraging all the other athletes taking part.

Over 200 pupils from Ysgol Y Deri, St Helens RC Primary School, St Illtyd's Primary School and St Nicholas Primary School competed, with some catching the eye of the Disability Sport Wales Talent ID Officer who attended to spot any future paralympians.

Staff from Ysgol Y Deri organised the event which had a

huge emphasis on every child being able to take part and compete against others of similar ability. Disability Sport Wales Development Officer for the Vale Council, Simon Jones, was on hand to support the event throughout the day.

Simon said: "This is a brilliant event that gives so many pupils the chance to take part in a competitive sporting environment. Every pupil has been catered for where they can take part in meaningful competitive events."

"Although competition is not for everyone, events like this help reach a new audience and improve the chances of more children being hooked on sport. I would like to thank the staff of Ysgol Y Deri for organising such a good event."

There were a number of athletics based events that every pupil could take part in, including

sprints, long jump, and a number of throwing activities. The events were organised to be as inclusive as possible for every pupil so they all had the opportunity to take part in a competitive environment.

St Cyres School in Penarth provided volunteers to help with the running of the events, the third year in a row that pupils have given up a day to help.

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for visible and leisure services, also attended the day to support athletes and present several medals to the successful competitors.

For more information about disability sport and physical activities over the summer holidays please contact Simon Jones, Disability Sport Wales Development Officer, on 01446 704728 or email sljones@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.



A VALE WELCOME FOR AUSTRALIAN COACH

STUDENTS at JSTKD Martial Arts & Fitness were treated to a very special Tae Kwon Do seminar recently as they welcomed Australian national coach, Master Rodney Lockyer, to the Vale.

Master Lockyer is a 7th Degree Black Belt, former Australian team captain, three times Australian national champion and runs his own successful martial arts school in Perth.

The seminar was organised by JSTKD's head instructor, Joseph Schembri, himself four times world champion and coach to the Welsh team.

With such a

distinguished guest, places at the seminar were snapped up almost immediately. There were nearly 60 participants as students from Cowbridge and Bridgend who were keen not miss out on such a great opportunity.

Master Lockyer focused on how to generate directional speed and improve core strength, both of which are essential, whether students are training purely for fitness or with an eye on competitive sparring.

He began with some 'science behind the movements' then interspersed the 'why' with the 'how' with plenty of chances to put this into practice. The students attending covered the whole

grading range from white belt up to black belt, from juniors to adults.

Everyone was able to benefit from Master Lockyer's experience and knowledge with techniques and ideas that were made relevant for each grade, enabling them to achieve the maximum benefit from the session.

It is JSTKD's aim to always motivate and inspire students by

finding new and interesting ways to improve their skills.

Following the great response and positive comments from those who attended, the seminar certainly fitted the bill and students are now keen to take part in more.

Details of the range of classes currently offered can be found at www.jstkd.co.uk.

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Tim's Number One!

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan landed the opening Maiden Hurdle at Newton Abbot's evening meeting last week with the oddly-named *Number One London*.

Ridden by Richard Johnson, five-year-old *Number One London* was made the 9-4 favourite and scored by a length and a quarter from *Shah Of Persia*.

BRIAN LEE



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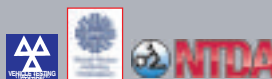
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DISABLED SPORTS TEAM PLANS AN EXPANSION



ON Saturday, June 20, Bridgend Disabled Footballers travelled to Burry Port RFC to take part in a charity touch rugby and football match against Llanelli Warriors.

On the day, the teams were mixed up a bit so that Bridgend had some help with the touch rugby from players from the Warriors and Burry Port youth team.

The game started with a 17-a-side football match where both teams were well matched and drew 3-3. Then came the main event of touch rugby. What a fast-flowing game with tries coming from both sides, with Bridgend narrowly winning in the end.

After a fantastic game we had the best hospitality in the clubhouse, with food, a raffle and auction totalling £400, which was

split between the two teams.

Team manager Kelly Hall said: "I would like to say a big thank you to everyone involved, and the supporters who turned up. Since this game, Bridgend Disabled Football Club are looking at setting up their own touch rugby side and promoting disabled sport in two sports."

KELLY HALL

Presentation evening at Bridgend Athletic RFC



Player of the year Sean Williams. Photographs courtesy of Glennsports

On Friday, June 19, Bridgend Athletic RFC held its annual award presentation for the 2014/15 season at the club headquarters at Ewenny Road.

Founding member, Phil Rees, welcomed everyone in the absence of club chairman, Mark Davies by reading his prepared address. He then went on to provide a brief resume of his own of the season's activities supplemented by a few anecdotes about notable events during the year and the personnel involved.

The awards were presented by current Wales international players Scott Baldwin and Matthew Morgan, both former junior players with the Athletic.

The first team player of the year went to outstanding captain Sean Williams for his consistent high quality performances in a leadership role throughout the season in the highly competitive WRU Championship.

Not far behind him were best back, Ryan Owen, and players' player, Ben Howe. The Daryl Dyke shield for the most promising player award went to young scrum-half Jakob Williams, who came of age as the season progressed.

The corresponding awards for the second team went to Harry Griffiths (player of the year and captain), Nick Jones (best back) and Geraint Lang (players' player). The club also recognised youth player of the year, Matthew Bennett, for his fine performances when he stepped up to the first



ABOVE LEFT: Second player of the year Harry Griffiths and ABOVE RIGHT: New life member Dai Williams.

team. Senior players Liam Griffiths and Dan Apsee, on behalf of the players, presented the coaches and management - John Apsee, Dai Williams, Stuart Morris, Paul Hearne, Ian Greenslade, Tony Griffiths and Andrew Tellem, with engraved hip flasks in appreciation of their efforts and contribution throughout the season.

Veteran back-row forward Griff Davies was presented with his club cap to celebrate playing well over 200 games for the first XV. Rumour had it that he was about to retire from the game, but he is adamant that he intends to go on for a good while yet!

Long-standing club coach and former player Dai Williams stepped down as forwards coach at the end of the season but his fantastic efforts were doubly recognised by being named clubman of the year for 2014/15 and also by being

Local schools 'ace' in tennis competition!



Pupils from Garth Primary and Bettws Primary didn't let the weather dampen their spirits at the Garw Valley Tennis Club.

BRIDGEND County Borough's own mini 'Wimbledon' has been held recently in a tournament for young aces from local primary schools.

St Clare's and Maes Yr Haul faced off against each other during a competition at Bridgend Lawn Tennis Club, while Bettws and Garth braved the weather on a wet morning to 'serve up' at the Garw Valley Tennis Club the following day.

The schools competed against each other to decide which of them would meet with other teams from local authorities in the south Wales primary school finals, being held at the end of June in Cardiff.

The teams were grouped by school years and included boys, girls and mixed sessions. In the year five age group, St Clare's won the boys' event. Maes Yr Haul triumphed with their girls' team and Garth led with the mixed session.

St Clare's also won all categories for years three, four and six which means they will have seven teams going through to the finals, with Maes Yr Haul and Garth taking through one each.

The local tournament was arranged in partnership with Bridgend County Borough Council's Active Young People Department (AYPD), Tennis Wales, Bridgend Lawn Tennis Club and the Garw Valley Tennis Club to encourage primary schools to get

involved with the sport.

To contact the council's AYPD, email aypd@bridgend.gov.uk or call 01656 815220, or for more information on local tennis events, visit www.lta.org.uk.

Julie's bowls title success

JULIE Thomas, a blind lady bowler from Brackla, Bridgend, played in the Welsh Vision impaired National Championships held at Haverfordwest Bowls Club between June 23/25.

Julie was in superb form which resulted in her winning the semi-final 21 shots to 4, and convincingly winning the final with an excellent display of bowling, 21 shots to 6 against the current UK ladies singles champion!

What is even more remarkable is that Julie is totally blind, yet she achieved this success playing against individual players who have the highest level of sight allowable in World Vision impaired Bowls.

Julie has been selected for the Welsh VI elite squad where she will represent Wales at the UK & World championships.

Bridgend has indeed found a remarkable talent.

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Porthcawl bridge club - latest news

THE club recently held the Martha Davis Cup competition, a team-of-four event in which experienced pairs are randomly drawn with less experienced pairs as team-mates; congratulations to Terry, Roger, David, and Audrey on their emphatic win.

Recent results are: Thursday, June 1, Martha Davis Cup - Roger Plant, Terry Dolan, Audrey Tinkler, David Rance; runners-up - Trish Saunders, Sue Anthony, Megan Taylor, Mair Davison.

Saturday, June 13 - first Roger Plant & Betty Longley, second Peter & Sandie Jenkins. Monday, June 15 - first Trish

Saunders & Marian Evans, second Peter & Sandie Jenkins.

Thursday, June 18 - first Emer Disley & Betty Longley; handicap Peter & Sandie Jenkins.

Saturday, June 20 - first Colin & Hazel Heard, second Jeff Barnett & Eileen Mahoney.

Monday, June 22 - first Tony Haworth & Gary Williams, second Peter & Sandie Jenkins. Thursday, June 25 - first John Cobby & Janet Richards; handicap Peter & Sandie Jenkins.

The club meets three times a week - Saturday and Thursday at the Awel-y-Mor centre, and Monday at the Glamorgan Holiday Hotel, 7pm - 10.15pm, visitors welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call our secretary, Trish, on 01656785794.

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